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 BELA GOLD, wa, Bill Gold;
 SONIA S. GOLD;
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 HARRY S. MAGDOFF, wa, Henry Magdoff;
 ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER, III, wa, Bob Miller;
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 HELEN TENNEY, wa, Helen;
 WILLIAM LUDWIG ULMANN, wa, Lynn;
 DONALD HENRY WHEELER;
 MARY WOLFE PRICE, wa, Mary Watkins Price;
 MILDRED PRICE, wa, Mrs. Harold Russell Coy;
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- JULIUS JOSEPH JOSEPH, wa, J. Julius Joseph;
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- WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON;
- WILLIAM H. TAYLOR;
- JOSEPH WITOUT ECKHART, wa, Joe;
- MICHAEL ENDELMAN, was, Michael Nicholas Delman, Marcel;
- Lieutenant Colonel JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, wa, Colonel John H. Reynolds;
- HELEN SILVERMASTER, wa, Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster;
- RAY ELSON, was Ede Smolter, wa, Mrs. Joseph Elson;
- PETER C. PHOENIX;
- PAULINE ROGERS, was, Pauline Rosen, Pauline Rosin, Pauline Rickman, Pauline Rickman, Pauline Rickman, Pauline Boyce, Pauline Weir, Pauline Usher, Pauline Usher, Mrs. Edward Royce, Mrs. Oscar Rosin, Mrs. Usher Rosen, Mrs. Usher Rosin, Mrs. Usher Rosen, Mrs. Usher Rosin, Pauline Raisen, Mrs. Oscar Raisen, Mrs. Usher Raisen, Mrs. Usher Raisen;
- ALBERT EUGENE LAHN, wa, Al Lahn;
- FERDINAND MARINI, was, Fred Alpi, Frank Alpi, Mario Alpi, Frank Brown, Fred Brown, Max Favro, Max Faryo, Max Favia, Emilio Pizzio, Anallio Pizzi, F. Brown Marini, F. Morini, F. Brown;
- ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, wa, Abe Brothman;
- JOHN;
- RACIA;
- OLGA BORISOVNA PRANDIA, was, Margaret, Lucy;
- CHARLIE;
- CATHERINE;
- BILL;
- CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE, wa, Benjamin;
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- NORMAN CHANDLER BURSNER;

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CERRIC BELFRAGE endeavoring to return to Germany, but if unsuccessful may collaborate with CLAUDE WILLIAMS on new book. When URSULA WASSERMAN, contact of JULES KORCHIEN (CP member), departed US 3/1/46, her address book noted to contain name of ARTHUR ADAMS. Among her papers were letters of introduction from BELLE ADLER, Treasury Department, to CHARLES GUTWIRTH and SUE BURNETT, US Embassy, Buenos Aires, and from HARRY FREEMAN, Tass, N.Y., New York, to GREGORI STEPANIAN, Tass, Montevideo. WASSERMAN corresponded with MARY JANE KEENEY and KORCHIEN met KEENEY on her arrival in US 3/9/46. KEENEY gave JOSEPH BERNSTEIN envelope believed to be of interest. KEENEY may have supplied material to BERNSTEIN from abroad via diplomatic pouch. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN engaged in business activities. Background information re NORMAN C. BURSLEER indicating Communist sympathies and close association with the SILVERMASTERS set out. BURSLEER now believed to be teaching at University of Chicago. LAUCHLIN CURRIE expected back in US end of March. Recent contacts of RAY ELSON identified. She visited A. B. WEINSTEIN's office 2/21/46. MICHAEL GREENBERG filed a forwarding address with NIPO of 484 MacArthur Blvd., Washington, D. C. Informant GREGORY learned from HELEN TENNEY in Washington 3/13/46, that TENNEY received call from her "contact" in December, 1945, and arranged for meeting, but the contact failed to appear. TENNEY apprehensive of scrutiny by FBI. GREGORY will meet with TENNEY in NYC weekend of 4/6/46. GREGORY met ULLMANN, the SASULIS, and SILVERMASTERS at latter's residence, but there was no discussion of espionage activities. GREGORY failed to identify photos of PHILIP and MARY KEENEY, BORIS SELKOV and EKATERINA DERJAVINA. VLADIMIR KAZAKEVICH and A. FROM LINDRY identified. No significant activity of ALEXANDER KORAL noted.

Baggage search revealed nothing of known significance. A. B. WEINSTEIN contacted by JACK BERSHMAN and sent a note to the BELLAUNGED in Antwerp, Belgium. HARRY WHITE was with ABRAHAM WOLFSON in NYC 2/16/46.

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Report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley, 3/1/46, New York

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to add the name of subject NORMAN CHANDLER BURSNER, and to reflect the additional alias of LUCY for subject OGA BORISOVNA PRAVINA. (S) (U)

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Re: ~~CHARLES BELFRAGE~~
alias ~~STANLEY~~

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE, covering the period from February 18, 1946 to March 6, 1946 (X)(u)

Confidential informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that HEWLETT AMOS invited HELL CASTLE (Mr. BELFRAGE) to a party at the WALTER ASTOR in the Astor Gallery on the following Wednesday between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. HEWLETT stated she was Mrs. ABBOT KIMBALL. (X)(u) b2 b7D

The Manhattan telephone directory reflected that ABBOT KIMBALL CO. INC., advertising, is located at 250 Park Avenue, New York City (X)(u)

Mr. McDERMOTT, Credit Manager of the WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL, New York City, advised that the party in the Astor Gallery on February 20, 1946, between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. was a buffet dinner party for PEGGY SAGE, INC., 50 East 57 Street, New York City, and the bill was to be sent to Miss AMOS at 250 Park Avenue, New York City. He advised that PEGGY SAGE, INC. is a dealer and retailer in manicuring materials.

Confidential informant [redacted] advised that on February 18, 1946, BELFRAGE spoke to Mrs. STONE at Watkins 9-5822, at which time Mrs. STONE stated that SHEP is back from the country and that he started to work for the TIMES today. BELFRAGE indicated that he had not heard from STANLEY in Washington and he intended to call him to learn about the Germany proposition. Mrs. STONE advised that nothing had been decided on whether STANLEY was to handle the Germany thing, but SHEP was going to call STANLEY that night. BELFRAGE requested Mrs. STONE to advise him regarding the Germany proposition and he indicated that he desired to have lunch with SHEP the following Wednesday (X)(u) b2 b7D

Information was received from a confidential source that the listing on Watkins 9-5822 is to SHEPARD STONE, 302 West 12 Street, New York City



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On February 21, 1946, confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that ZELMA (ZELMA C. SPANDT) asked BELFRAGE if he knew where she left her brief case. BELFRAGE indicated that she probably left it at the library and she told him to be there about 6:30 p.m., although no definite information was mentioned as to the location and reason for this meeting. (S)(U) b2 b7D

On February 22, 1946, confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that LOUIS FISHER told Mrs. BELFRAGE that he attended a meeting the night before, at which time everybody agreed to support the UNO and American-Soviet Friendship. Mrs. BELFRAGE appeared disturbed at an article on Yugoslavia which appeared in the NEW YORKER. (S)(U) b2 b7D

On the same date this informant indicated that JULES WEINBERG made arrangements to have lunch with Mrs. BELFRAGE the following Monday and he advised that he is covering the National Sportsman's Show for PIPER AIRCRAFT. (S)(U)

Confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that ALBERT KAHN made arrangements to visit Mr. BELFRAGE the following morning, and he further had a discussion regarding KAHN'S new book "THE GREAT CONSPIRACY". KAHN indicated that many of the write-ups and comments of his friends were very favorable to the book and Mr. BELFRAGE indicated that it was important to read this book in order to understand any of the international discussions in the UNO. BELFRAGE further indicated that he believed many people would think that the reviews were very enthusiastic. (S)(U) b2 b7D

On March 1, 1946, confidential informant [REDACTED] advised that LOUIS FISHER told Mrs. BELFRAGE that he was giving a lecture at the TOWN HALL on the following day on "WHERE IS AMERICA GOING AND HOW DO I KNOW." Mrs. BELFRAGE indicated she would go to his quarters immediately after the lecture. On this same date this informant revealed that a man named LUTHER made arrangements to see BELFRAGE at LONG CHAMPS bar at 42nd St. and Lexington Avenue at 12:30 p.m. on the following Monday. LUTHER indicated that he is presently living on the Jersey side of the Hudson and that he would be at the OWI, 224 West 57 Street, New York City, for a short while on the following Monday. (S)(U) b2 b7D

On March 4, 1946, Special Agents NICHOLAS M. KALMES, FRANK J. NOLAN and the writer observed BELFRAGE joining an unknown man at or in LONGCHAMPS bar, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. BELFRAGE and the unknown man went to the TOWN TOPICS TAVERN, 845 Second Avenue, New York City, where they had lunch. BELFRAGE and the unknown man were observed leaving the tavern and proceeding to 305-313 E. 45 Street, New York City, where they were observed entering the offices of the REEHL LITHO COMPANY, INC., on the 5th floor at this address, at 2:50 p.m.. BELFRAGE and the unknown man, together with three other unknown men, left 305-313 E. 45 Street, New York City, and entered RUDY'S BAR, 45 Street and Second Avenue, New

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York City, at 3:08 p.m. The unknown man left RUDY'S RAIL at 3:45 p.m. alone and walked west on East 45 Street and the surveillance was maintained by Special Agents KALMES and NOLAN.

At 4:04 p.m. BELFRAGE and the other three unknown men left RUDY'S RAIL and again entered 305-313 East 45 Street, New York City. At 4:50 p.m. BELFRAGE was observed leaving 305-313 E. 45 Street, New York City and he walked to the Grand Central Post Office, 44 Street and Lexington Avenue, where he was observed buying stamps. BELFRAGE boarded a south-bound bus on Madison Avenue and 45 Street and he was later observed entering 121 Madison Avenue, New York City. It appeared to the writer that the person BELFRAGE intended to contact was not at home and BELFRAGE was observed handing the elevator operator at 121 Madison Avenue a newspaper which was printed in the German language and he asked the elevator operator to deliver this paper to Mrs. BRANDT. (u)

The unknown man who previously met BELFRAGE at LONG CHAMPS bar was surveilled by Special Agents KALMES and NOLAN and he was observed visiting several clothing stores in the vicinity of 57 Street and Broadway, New York City. At 4:25 p.m. the unknown man entered 250 West 57 Street, New York City, where the offices of OWI are located. At 5:40 p.m. the unknown man was observed leaving 250 West 57 Street and a short while later he was engaged in a friendly conversation under pretext and it was ascertained that the unknown man LUTHER CONANT, an employee of OWI and he, resides in Nyack, New York.

The files of the New York field division reveal that on June 12, 1942, LUTHER CONANT attended a meeting at "PM", the purpose of which was to initiate a newspaper campaign to discredit Naval Intelligence and the G-2 section of the Second Corps Area in an attempt to demonstrate that the personnel of these sections is anti-Semitic. These files further reflected that LUTHER CONANT arrived at New York City on August 10, 1945, aboard an ATC plane, at which time he stated he was 34 years of age, a U.S. citizen, an employee of the U.S. Government and he presented an AGO card.

The records of the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK were examined by Special Employee Investigator R. S. CLIFFORD and these records indicated that LUTHER CONANT, 204 North Broadway, Nyack, New York, an employee of the Office of War Information, is married to MARY CONANT and has dependent children. These records indicated that CONANT had been employed by OWI since February, 1943, and that he had been in Germany in charge of the administration of German newspapers. CONANT was reported to be in good financial circumstances and as a reference he gave the NYACK BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Nyack, New York.

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The files of the New York field division reveal that ZELMA BRANDT, 405 Park Avenue, New York City, had 1941 contacts with the LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS. It is noted that the LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS originated at Kharkov, Russia, in 1930, and a similar organization was formed in the United States in 1935. It is reported that the teachers of the school for these writers in the League are alleged to be Communist Party line followers and it is alleged to be a Communist front organization.

The records of the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK were examined by Special Employee Investigator E. S. STAFFORD and these records reveal that Mrs. ZELMA C. BRANDT, 405 Park Avenue, New York City and Ershine Road, Stamford, Conn., had been divorced from her husband CARL BRANDT. These

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records reflected that she formerly resided at 793 Lexington Avenue, 340 Park Avenue, 125 East 57 Street, 310 Lexington Avenue, 465 West End Avenue, 226 West 78 Street, 48 West 59 Street and 16 East 96 Street, all New York City. Mrs. BRANDT was described as being in her late 40's and that she has a daughter, LOIS, who presently resides at 520 Madison Avenue, New York City. She is reported to receive an income from her securities and she is not in any business or profession. She has also received alimony from her former husband who is reported to be a member of BRANDT & BRANDT, literary agents, 101 Park Avenue, New York City. These records further indicated that since 1936 she had an account at the CHEMICAL BANK, 49 St. and Lexington Avenue, New York City and she is known to be a possessor of means. It was further indicated that Mrs. BRANDT went to the Far East and returned in May, 1939.

The records of the confidential informant [redacted] reflected that the REEHL LITHO COMPANY, 305-313 East 45 Street, New York City, was organized in 1933 and that the sole officer of the corporation at present is STEVEN USISCHON. These records reflected that this company obtained contracts from various U.S. Government agencies during the War. This company is also reported to have accounts at the MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY, 386 Fourth Avenue, and at the MODERN INDUSTRIAL BANK, 115 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This company is reported to be doing lithographing work for advertising agencies and publishing concerns. b2
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STEVEN USISCHON was formerly employed at the NATIONAL PROCESS CO., New York City, and in 1932 he reportedly was the treasurer of the ACME PHOTO OFFSET CORP., 216 E. 45 Street, New York City. He purchased the REEHL LITHO COMPANY, INC. in September 1937. This informant further advised that MARK H. HERMER resigned as the Vice President and Secretary of the REEHL LITHO CO. INC. in 1943 and now he is a director of that company and is the secretary of the HERST LITHO CO. Inc., 374-380 Second Avenue, New York City. It was further indicated in these records that FRED A. HACKER resigned from the REEHL LITHO CO. INC. but that he had been a vice president and secretary of the corporation until September, 1935.

On April 29, 1943, the REEHL LITHO CO. INC. renewed a chattel mortgage for \$6000 in favor of WALTER E. HELLER & CO. Inc.

The files of the New York field division reflected no information regarding FRED A. HACKER, MARK H. HERMER or STEPHEN USISCHON. These files reflected, however, that the WALTER E. HELLER CO. 105 West Adams St., Chicago, Illinois, had been discussed between Mr. BIBEROW and Mrs. SILVERMAN, and it was further indicated that the name of this company was to be given to ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN one of the subjects of this case.

On March 4, 1946, confidential informant [redacted] advised that ERIC (ERIC-SCHWAB) made an appointment to meet Mrs. BELFRAGE at the RITZ HOTEL in the Palm Room at 6 p.m. ERIC discussed Mrs. BELFRAGE'S writings and advised that the new address is 61 Broadway, Suite 218, telephone Mitchell 3-5840. ERIC indicated that he was no longer with the news agency b2
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and at present he is unemployed (X)(u)

Information received from a confidential source indicated that the listing for Whitehall 3-5840 is the NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND FISHERIES, 61 Broadway, New York City (X)(u)

This informant further advised that on March 5, 1946 LOUIS FISHER made an appointment to meet Mrs. BELFRAGE at 6:30 p.m. at the MIDSTON HOUSE, 22 East 38 Street, New York City (X)(u)

On the same date this informant advised that an unknown man spoke to Mrs. BELFRAGE regarding her new novel that will be published in May or June by the THOMAS Y. CROWELL CO., (432 Fourth Avenue, New York City). Mrs. BELFRAGE stated her contact in this company is Dr. CODE. This man stated he would be going to Washington, D.C. for a few days after Mr. FIELD returned from South Carolina. Mrs. BELFRAGE stated she had dinner with two ex-colleagues of his namely JULES WEINBERG and ERIN LEVINSTEIN, who were from the Research Institute. This man stated he had worked with LEVINSTEIN for some time and he recalled WEINBERG as a cripple, resulting from infantile paralysis. Mrs. BELFRAGE stated that her next book would be based on the writings of BENJAMIN MILLER, a Hungarian writer who travelled with and was in love with ISIDORA DUNCAN. She stated the basis of this story was that ISIDORA DUNCAN, while visiting the Soviet Union, married a young peasant, and the whole conflict of the present day is portrayed in their marriage. Mrs. BELFRAGE stated she would rewrite this story in English, and the unknown man stated that he would submit the outline of this story to the Editorial Board (X)(u)

On March 5, 1946, this informant further advised that a woman, called BARBARA, made a luncheon appointment with BELFRAGE at 1 p.m. in the Murray Hill restaurant for the following Friday. She told BELFRAGE that she had sent an article by "FREE MANVILLE" and she requested that Mrs. BELFRAGE return the article to her (X)(u)

A physical surveillance was conducted at the Murray Hill Restaurant, 41st Street and Park Avenue, New York City, by Special Agents HOWARD R. HAWKINS, MICHAEL M. O'ROURKE and LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE. At 12:59 p.m. on March 8, 1946, BELFRAGE was observed entering the Murray Hill Restaurant, where he was joined by an unknown woman. Several minutes later they were joined by another unknown man and woman and they proceeded to have their luncheon. The unknown man was observed leaving the Murray Hill restaurant at 2:20 p.m. and he was surveilled by Special Agent M.A. O'ROURKE to 370 Lexington Avenue and he was seen to enter the offices of the ATLAS AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS CORP., Hangar Division, Room 602, at this address. This man was described as follows, upon observation of the surveilling agents:

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Age	45 yrs.
Height	5 ft. 11 in.
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Slim
Hair	Dark, with streaks of gray
Features	Sharp
Complexion	Swarthy
Clothing	Dark suit and dark blue overcoat

The unknown woman who had originally met BELFRAGE at the Murray Hill Restaurant was surveilled from this restaurant by Special Agent H. R. HAWKINS. She was observed entering the building at 500 Fifth Avenue, and she was seen entering room number 714, where the name TOBE was inscribed on the door. A description of this woman is as follows:

Age	42 yrs.
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Height	5 ft. 6 in.
Dress	Brown hat, brown dress and brown fur knee-length coat

BELFRAGE was observed proceeding to the NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY at 42nd St. and 5th Avenue, New York City, where he remained for the rest of that afternoon.

On March 7, 1946, Mrs. EISA MILLER requested the address of an individual whose name was unintelligible and Mrs. BELFRAGE indicated she had an interesting pamphlet which she would show to Mrs. MILLER. (u)

On March 8, 1946, this informant advised that ZELMA (ZELMA C. BRANOT) spoke to BELFRAGE regarding some newspapers he had given to her, some of which were to be sent to HENRIETTA. They also discussed the right to trade with the enemy and the conclusion was reached that such trade would have to be put off until the peace conference. BELFRAGE indicated that he is making numerous efforts to return to Germany, but no one seems interested in the vitally important work there. ZELMA indicated that she plans to go abroad in June of this year. BELFRAGE indicated that if he did not go to Germany he would probably go to Alabama with CLAUDE WILLIAMS sometime this month or next month, where he would work on another book with WILLIAMS. (u)

On the same date this informant advised that JULES (JULES WEINBERG) spoke to Mrs. BELFRAGE regarding the obtaining of employment for Mr. BELFRAGE. They made arrangements for a meeting on the following Wednesday. (u)

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the "MADRE" at the regular time. On the same date BELFRAGE spoke to a woman, called SUSAN, to inquire whether she might know SHELEA TRONSKY of the INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND RESCUE COMMITTEE. SUSAN stated that TRONSKY is a vicious Trotskyite, and BELFRAGE indicated that he had been suggested for a position with this outfit in Germany, as a substitute for a friend of his and for that reason he wanted to know something about this committee. SUSAN disparaged the committee and spoke in a derogatory manner regarding SHELEA TRONSKI (u) (u)

As a result of a mail cover placed on CEDRIC BELFRAGE, the following return addresses were obtained: (u)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RETURN ADDRESS</u>
2/18/46	PEOPLE INSTITUTE, 131 West Lafayette St., Detroit, Michigan
2/18/46	PAMPHLET PRESS, 8 West 40 Street, New York City
2/18/46	710 E. Glenoaks, Glendale, California
3/4/46	CREATIVE ARTS PRESS, E.C., 11 E. 44 St., New York City
3/5/46	W. PIQUETT, Southwalk, Hindleton, Surrey, England
3/5/46	HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, 55 West 11 St., New York City
3/5/46	SAM BORDELON, Nat. CIO Community Services Committee, 1776 Broadway, New York City
3/5/46	the AUTHORS' GUILD, 6 E. 39 St., New York City
3/5/46	ERNEST W. ADLER, SFM Contr, Branch, OGM, GREATER AGSU, APO 633, New York City

The records of the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK were examined by Special Employee Investigator R. S. CLIFFORD regarding ERIC SCHWAB, with negative results.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Bureau, 70 Columbus Avenue, were examined by Special Employee Agent WADE FULLER, reflecting that CECILIA RIENDEGAN SARAN, 15 West 97 Street, New York City, filed a declaration of intention on January 23, 1946, at the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. These records reflected that she was born on February 2, 1912 at Bruno, Czechoslovakia. She indicated that her last foreign residence was at Moscow, Russia; that she emigrated to the United States from Montreal, Canada, on November 6, 1945.

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She further advised that she was married at Moscow, Russia, on September 8, 1932, to M. VISHVANATA GANGADHARAN and that he had been born at Madras, India, on September 6, 1906; that her husband died in Russia in 1938; that a son PETER GANGADHARAN was born March 17, 1938. According to these records she advised that her son presently resides at the Lockhart School, Tappan, New York, and that he had been born in Russia.

The records of the Naturalization Bureau further reflected that on October 9, 1945, a letter was directed to GERTRUDE RIENT by LAURENCE W. TAYLOR, American Consul General, at Montreal, Canada, containing instructions regarding re-entry into the United States. The application for departure in lieu of deportation or pre-examination, signed by GERTRUDE GANGADHARAN on October 12, 1945 at New York City, revealed the following information:

Arrival in United States	9/27/41 at San Francisco, Calif. aboard SS PRESIDENT CLEVELAND
Date of Birth	2/2/12
Place of Birth	Erano, Czechoslovakia
Height	5 ft. 6 in.
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Distinctive marks	None
Nationality	British
Race	White
Alien registration No.	7624715
Father	FRANTISEK RIENT, born in Czechoslovakia
Mother	AINA RIENT, nee TRUKA, born in Czechoslovakia

On October 23, 1945, a letter was received by the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Central Office of INS, authorizing a pre-examination of GANGADHARAN and indicating that the interested party was E. J. FUTZELL, Jr., c/o War Department, Office of Assistant Secretary of War, Strategic Services Unit, 25 & E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

On December 10, 1945, a letter had been directed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Francisco, California, advising that GANGADHARAN was pre-examined on November 2, 1945 and subsequently re-entered the United States at Rouses Point, New York, on November 6, 1945. It was further indicated that she was admitted for permanent residence under visa number 461, Czechoslovakia quota, issued at Montreal, Canada.

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Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN and NICHOLAS M. KAIMES

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Name	URSULA WASSERMAN
Address	110 Christopher Street New York City
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of birth	March 10, 1915
Citizenship	United States
United States Passport #	28716

From the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service the following information was obtained concerning URSULA WASSERMAN:

Name	URSULA WASSERMAN
Address	110 Christopher Street New York City
Date of birth	March 10, 1915, at Hamburg, Germany
Race	White
Sex	Female
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Height	5'4"
Weight	130 lbs.
Last foreign residence	London, England
Entered United States	from Southampton on 2/23/39 via SS QUEEN MARY
Filed Declaration of Intention	9/5/39 at United States District Court of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey.
Witnesses	HELEN LOWE PORTER Princeton, New Jersey PATRICIA FOX 380 Riverside Drive New York City
Alien Registration #	2854458
Marital status	Single
Became U.S. citizen	8/1/44 - NYC

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Previous occupations	Service Bureau for Intercultural Education 221 West 57th Street New York City - 12/41 to 4/42 Project on Totalitarian Communications 4/42 to 11/42 British Information Service 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York City - 12/42 to 8/43 International Labor Office Montreal, Canada CWI - 11/43 to present time
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There is being set out below the locations of URSULA WASSERMAN's residences:

29 East 11th Street, New York City
174 West 4th Street, New York City
35 West 4th Street, New York City
69 Charles Street, New York City
31 East 30th Street, New York City
150 Fitzrandolph Road, Princeton, New Jersey
110 Christopher Street, New York City

In this file it is indicated that URSULA WASSERMAN has a brother called ERNEST WASSERMAN residing in Argentina. She has a sister, ERIKA WATSON, residing in England. Her father's name was MARTIN WASSERMAN and her mother's name was ELISE WILHELMINA EISENBERG WASSERMAN.

A check of the indices in the New York Field Division reflected the following information concerning URSULA WASSERMAN:

JACOB B. ARONOFF was contacted by URSULA WASSERMAN concerning the attending of the Ambijan Banquet. He was seen with WASSERMAN at 100 Christopher Street and ARONOFF and WASSERMAN were observed visiting with CATHERINE and KIRK BARNESMAN at 664 Riverside Drive, New York City. The indices of the New York Office indicate also that WASSERMAN and ARONOFF are collaborating in the production of the Jewish "Black Book" and that WASSERMAN is actually editing that book. (EXU)

Arrangements were made by the investigating Agents with Chief Surveyor JOSEPH J. FLYNN of the United States Customs to have a baggage search conducted


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of the passengers of the vessel, PACIFIC EXPRESS. On March 1, 1946, the baggage of all the persons about to board the PACIFIC EXPRESS was examined by Customs Agents at Pier 19, Staten Island, New York. As a result of this examination, photographs were obtained of papers in the possession of URSULA WASSELMAN. Among these papers was the address book carried by WASSELMAN, in which there appeared the names of numerous Communist Party members and fellow travelers, and the name of ARTHUR ADAMS, known Soviet espionage agent. A list containing these names has been forwarded to the Bureau and is presently being searched in the New York Field Division for the references found thereon. There are hundreds of references and the information established will be reported in the near future.

Also in the possession of WASSELMAN was an unbound printer's copy of the "Black Book," the front page of which was photographed. Also in the possession of WASSELMAN were copies of letters of introduction from BELLE MAYER of the Treasury Department to Miss SUE BURNETT at the United States Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina; also a letter of introduction from one HARRY FRIEDMAN on the stationery of the TASS AGENCY to GREGORI STEREMIAN, a TASS correspondent in Montivedeo, Uruguay. There was also a letter to Mr. CHARLES GUTWIRTH at the United States Embassy in Buenos Aires from BELLE MAYER, introducing URSULA WASSELMAN to him. Copies of all of the above photographs have been transmitted to the Bureau and to the Washington Field office.

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It was ascertained by investigating agents that the MIT VICTORY would arrive on March 9th, Pier 34, North River, New York City. Arrangements were made by the agents to cover the arrival of MARY JANE KEENEY and to observe the contents of her luggage as it was examined by Customs Agents. Upon arrival, KEENEY displayed a Diplomatic Passport #418 issued at Washington, D. C., on October 22, 1945. KEENEY was described as a member of the United States Staff

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of the Allied Commission of Reparations. She was born on February 28, 1898, and is believed to be identical with MARY JANE KEENEY, wife of PHILIP KEENEY, a contact of GARANIN, SILVERMASTER and other Subjects in this case. Because of the Diplomatic immunity claimed by KEENEY, her baggage was not examined by Customs Agents. At the port of entry KEENEY stated that her residence was 215 B Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

KEENEY was met at the pier by JULES KORCHIEN, who took KEENEY in a taxicab to WASSERMAN's apartment at 110 Christopher Street, which KORCHIEN has occupied since WASSERMAN's departure. KEENEY had with her on her arrival five bags.

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On March 9, 1946, while under the surveillance of Special Agents JOSEPH P. GARVEY, JULES KORCHIEN departed from New York City at 5:35 P.M. and proceeded by Pennsylvania Railroad to Wilmington, Delaware, where he was observed entering an automobile bearing Delaware license #36937, which is listed in the name of one DAVID BLOOM, Appletree Road and Orchard Road, Arden, Delaware. Information received from the Baltimore Field Division indicates that BLOOM is occupied as an engineer at the DU PONT COMPANY in Wilmington, Delaware, and that the indices of the Baltimore Office reflect that BLOOM is suspected of Communist Party activities.

On this same day, while under surveillance of Special Agents MICHAEL O'ROURKE, JOHN H. DOYLE and FRANK J. NOLAN, MARY JANE KEENEY was observed leaving 110 Christopher Street and proceeding to the Murray Hill Restaurant on Park Avenue and 41st Street in New York City. She was joined by an individual, later identified as JOSEPH BERNSTEIN, at the Murray Hill Restaurant and both persons had dinner. KEENEY was observed passing an envelope to BERNSTEIN. After about an hour and forty minutes stay at the Murray Hill Restaurant, KEENEY proceeded by foot and bus to 397 Bleecker Street (it is noted that LOUIS LERMAN resides at this address).

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On Sunday, March 10, 1946, MARY JANE KEENEY was under surveillance by Special Agents FRANK D. O'SRIEN and FRANK J. GALLANT, during which time it was noted the only significant contact made by KEENEY was at 17 Charlton Street, New York City. From the names obtained from the doorbells at this address, it is believed that KEENEY visited one JAY DEISS. The New York indices reflect DEISS to be a contact of Mrs. JOHN J. ABT, editor of Soviet Russia Today. It will be recalled that the Perlo group mentioned in this case originated at a meeting at the ABT's apartment, New York City.

On Monday, March 11, 1946, KEENEY was under surveillance of Special Agents FRANK J. GALLANT and ROSS D. WOLCOTT. KEENEY departed under surveillance by the Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington, D. C., at 11:30 a.m. on this date, where the surveillance was taken over by the Washington Field Agents.



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On March 13, 1946, a surveillance was instituted on BERNSTEIN by Special Agents MICHAEL J. O'ROURKE and FRANK J. NOLAN, who had surveilled KEENEY Saturday night. At this time it was established that BERNSTEIN was identical with the man who dined with KEENEY Saturday night and to whom KEENEY presumably gave the package. BERNSTEIN was surveilled to TRACHTENBERG's office and it was noted that he had in his possession the same package which was believed to have been passed to him by MARY JANE KEENEY in the Murray Hill Restaurant on Saturday, March 9, 1946. It is to be noted that BERNSTEIN is the Subject of an active investigation in the New York Field Office in the case entitled "JOE BURSLEY, wa.; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", and that BERNSTEIN was reported to have stated in the past that he obtained material through a diplomatic pouch through a friend on a mission in France. It is now believed that the friend mentioned is MARY JANE KEENEY. It is also to be noted that the name of JOSEPH M. BERNSTEIN, 4136 51st Street, Queens, New York, appears in the address book of URSULA WASSERMAN, which was photographed at the time of her departure from the United States.

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During the time that KORCHIEN was under surveillance on March 8, 1946, Special Agents H. COURTENAY CLINCH and JAMES R. SHIMMERS determined that KORCHIEN was in the room of one ANNA BERENSON at the Hotel New Yorker from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. on this date. The Hotel New Yorker registry reflects that A. BERENSON

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resides at 1729 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The New York Field Office's indices reflect that ANNA BERENSON was a delegate to the National Negro Congress which was held in Paris, France, during the month of November 1945. It is believed that BERENSON was specifically a member of the International Women's Conference of this congress.

In connection with the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] had indicated that BROTHMAN has been continuing his activities daily in his office and that he had gone to Cambridge, Massachusetts, on March 13, 1946, to attend a conference with one Mr. WAPL and other technicians, and that MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, his secretary, did accompany him there. (S)(u) b2 b7D

On March 9, 1946, this same Informant advised that one ROSIE contacted MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, at which time ROSIE said that she was trying to get reservations for one JOCKIE (phonetic), whom she indicated was with the TWU, and that there was a strike going on there now. ROSIE also said she was herself employed by the TWU. (S)(u)

This same Informant also advised that on March 5, 1946, BROTHMAN discussed WINSTON CHURCHILL's speech on March 5, 1946, with one GERTRUDE, who attacked the speech as Fascist propaganda. Mr. BROTHMAN said, "All this is sound and fury in Canada and the United States. Throughout the capitalist world today is full knowledge that they cannot undertake a war with the Soviet Union. Their own population would not follow them. The world is on fire. The prestige of the British Empire and America has fallen so cheaply within recent weeks. It has been so clearly demonstrated that these countries are imperialists and out for the sole purpose for enslaving the rest of the world." (S)(u)

Confidential Informant GREGORY, whose identity is known to the Bureau, was contacted and a photograph of URSULA WASSERMAN was shown to the Informant, as well as the mentioning of KORCHIEN's and WASSERMAN's names; however, the Informant claimed no knowledge of either WASSERMAN or KORCHIEN.

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RE: NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE

The following matter was dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KALMES and covers the period from March 6 to 15, 1946:

There is being set out below information concerning NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE obtained from a review of the files of the Bureau:

ALLEGATIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT GREGORY

On February 1, 1946 confidential informant Gregory, whose identity is known to the Bureau, recalled that in 1942 Helen Silvermaster, wife of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, stated that she was acquainted with NORMAN BURSLE, an attorney in the Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, and indicated to Gregory that Bursler might be a good prospect in intelligence work. Gregory thereupon advised that she conferred with JACOB M. GOLOS concerning the possible recruitment of BURSLE but GOLOS indicated that he was skeptical and feared that BURSLE might be a plant. Subsequently Gregory instructed HELEN SILVERMASTER to handle BURSLE personally and an arrangement of some sort was apparently made between HELEN SILVERMASTER and NORMAN BURSLE inasmuch as, according to Gregory, in the Summer of 1944 Gregory personally saw reports concerning German cartels among material turned over to Gregory by HELEN and GREGORY SILVERMASTER. Informant Gregory further recalled that HELEN SILVERMASTER had advised that BURSLE's work in the Antitrust Division principally concerned investigation of German cartels. Gregory indicated to HELEN SILVERMASTER that she knew the source of the cartel reports and HELEN SILVERMASTER admitted that they had come from NORMAN BURSLE.

According to informant Gregory when BURSLE first came to her attention he was employed by the Antitrust Division in New York City but was subsequently inducted into the Armed Forces, served a short time, and was released, resuming his employment with the Antitrust Division, Department of Justice. Informant Gregory advised that she has never seen or met NORMAN BURSLE and possesses no further knowledge concerning him.

BACKGROUND

Personal History

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State of Delaware, Dover, Delaware, reflect that NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLE was born February 28, 1904, at Wilmington, Delaware, his father being WILLIAM BURSLE

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and his mother MARY E. ROBERTS. Chief of Police FRANK MAHONEY, Wilmington, Delaware, advised that Bursler was one of nine children who grew up in the poor section of Wilmington, Delaware.

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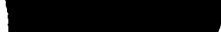
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 in order to verify the identity of NORMAN BURSLEER in November, 1938, recontacted the neighbor in question and he reported that the identity of NORMAN BURSLEER was verified by him.

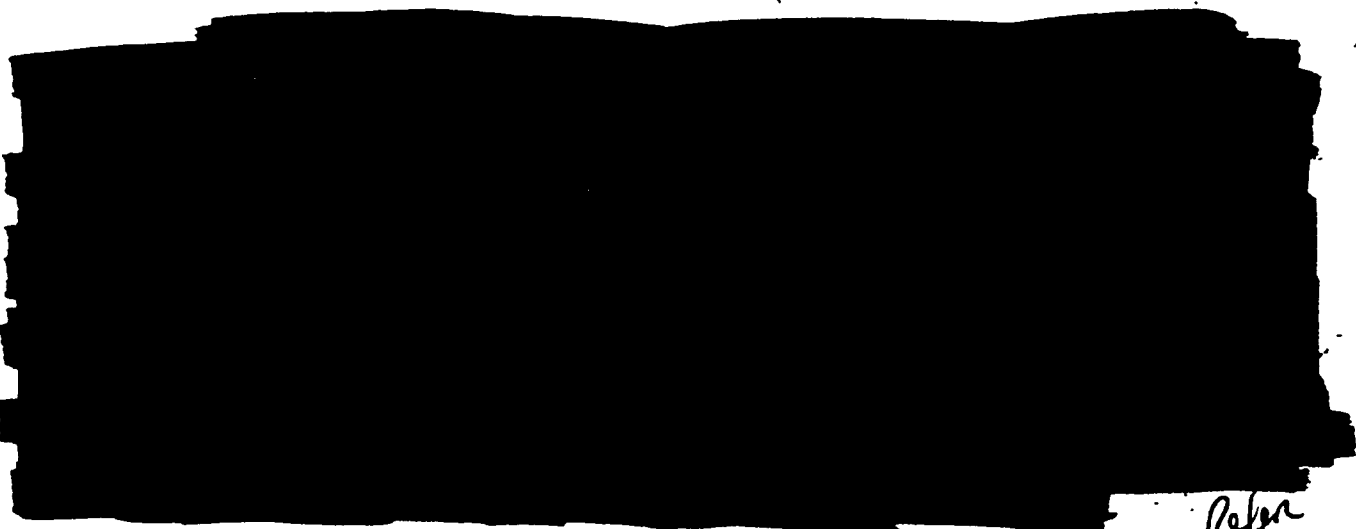
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Education

According to information furnished by NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLEER in applications for employment and elsewhere, he received his preliminary education in the elementary schools in Wilmington, Delaware, at Beacon Business School, Wilmington, Delaware, and Antioch College in the year 1929.

The records of the Registrar, University of California, reflect that Bursler attended that University from January 1927 through May 11, 1933, at which time he received an A. B. Degree. BURSLEER also attended the University of California Graduate School during the term 1933 - 1934 and the term 1937 - 1938, at which time he took courses in economics.

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The files of the Department of Justice reflect that BURSLEER has been employed as an expert on a temporary basis and that his employment has been continued at the expiration of each three months period.

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WALTER LEE, campus officer, University of California, advised that his records reflect that BURSLEER was involved in Communistic and Socialistic activities during the time he was a student at the university of California. According to WALTER LEE, these activities resulted in the agitation of the students, and an attempt to organize them under a Social Problems Club, which club was later known as the National Students League. Walter Lee advised that although BURSLEER himself was not a firey speaker he was more of the "mousy" type and was active in an underhanded way. Walter Lee also advised that his records reflect an interview in 1934 with NORMAN BURSLEER at which time BURSLEER stated of his own accord that he, BURSLEER, had been in China in 1930 and while there had been a member of the Communist Party and "on a few occasions delivered messages from the United States Consulate to the war ships in the bay during the Chinese - Japanese hostilities."

WALTER JOHNSON, Captain, Berkeley Police Department, has stated that his files reflect a report made by him on March 27, 1933, which report contains the following information: "BURSLEER is definitely reported to be a Communist but not of the outspoken type, being a quiet worker and one of the leaders in the Social Problems Club. He is a member of the Berkeley Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union and in September, 1932, attended one of their meetings and explained pictures he had taken in the Chinese war zone during the recent Chinese-Japanese hostilities." The report further states, "BURSLEER is reported to have traveled through Russia at the same time and contacted another Berkeley radical on his trip. He attended the Tom Mooney meeting at San Francisco on November 6, 1932. Although unquestionably a Communist, BURSLEER is not active in an obvious way, being a quiet worker for the movement."

Also contained in the files of the Berkeley Police Department is a

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report by J. W. JOHNSON, dated March 24, 1933, which contains the following information: "NORMAN BURLER, University of California student who has been active in the Soviet Problems Club for sometime, is very active in the branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union. BURLER is reported to have lived with Professor A. BUCHANAN of the Economics Department of the University at 2630 Benvenue. He was one of the leaders in the demonstration at Satherd Gate at the time the Japanese train squadron visited Berkeley. In addition BURLER is reported to be organizing another group of radicals independent of the Friends of the Soviet Union and the Social Problems Club. This group is composed of University and Berkeley high school students. Meetings are held regularly but the meeting place is not known at present. BURLER recently told Mrs. ESTHER KENNEDY, 2429 Channing Way, that within three years this club will be working in the grammar schools."

Also contained in the files of the Berkeley Police Department is a memorandum to Chief J. A. GREENING, dated September 26, 1933, reflecting that Lawrence S. Fletcher, Deputy District Attorney, advised on February 22, 1933 that a group of members of the Social Problems Club had been in his office concerning a complaint which had been issued regarding FRANK M. FRECK, ALFRED R. HAHN, VELDMIRER KOSITSIN, S.R. WILLS and other unknown individual. NORMAN BURLER was among the group. According to the memorandum, it appeared that a complaint had been made as a result of a tear gas affray resulting from an effort on the part of ALFRED WILKINSON and JULIUS RATNER to sell an alleged Communist publication known as the "Students Outpost." Norman Bursler appeared and advised that he did not see the altercation but arrived ten minutes later and that a great deal of gaseous substance was in the air. The memorandum stated that BURLER was attempting to defend his friends in this Communist movement.

The records of the County Prosecutor's Office, Alameda County, California, contained a list of individuals who were known to that office as Communist Party functionaries. Included in this list is the name NORMAN BURLER and beside his name appears the notation "1934". It is not known whether this person is identical with the subject but it is noted that BURLER was in attendance in the Graduate School of the University of California during the year 1934.

Mrs. E. R. ALLAN, manager of an apartment house located at 2511 Herst Avenue, advised that her records reflect that NORMAN BURLER moved into an apartment at that address January 1, 1937, and with a Professor BRADY remained there until May 1, 1937. Mrs. ALLAN stated that her impression of

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BURSLER was very derogatory; that she felt that he was not an American; and recalled that he was not only unfriendly but somewhat obsessed with Communist ideas. Mrs. ALLAN advised that Communist papers addressed to NORMAN BURSLER had continued to come to that apartment as late as August, 1938.

Mr. ALLEN BUCHANAN, Chief of the Economics Section, United States Tariff Commission and former professor of economics, University of California, upon interview in October, 1938, related that he had been acquainted with NORMAN BURSLER since 1931 and made a very high recommendation on behalf of BURSLER. Mr. BUCHANAN stated that he was acquainted with BURSLER's family background and his struggle to obtain an education and he advised that because of his struggle for a living, BURSLER had interested himself in uplifting the masses; that Bursler had joined the Social Problems Club and was very active in this work. Mr. BUCHANAN further advised that like himself, BURSLER is definitely of the left wing and is a great believer in the Karl Marx theory of economics; that the proponents of the theory are very much opposed to violence but violence is resorted to by those individuals who are of the radical type. He stated that BURSLER could not be considered as of this radical type.

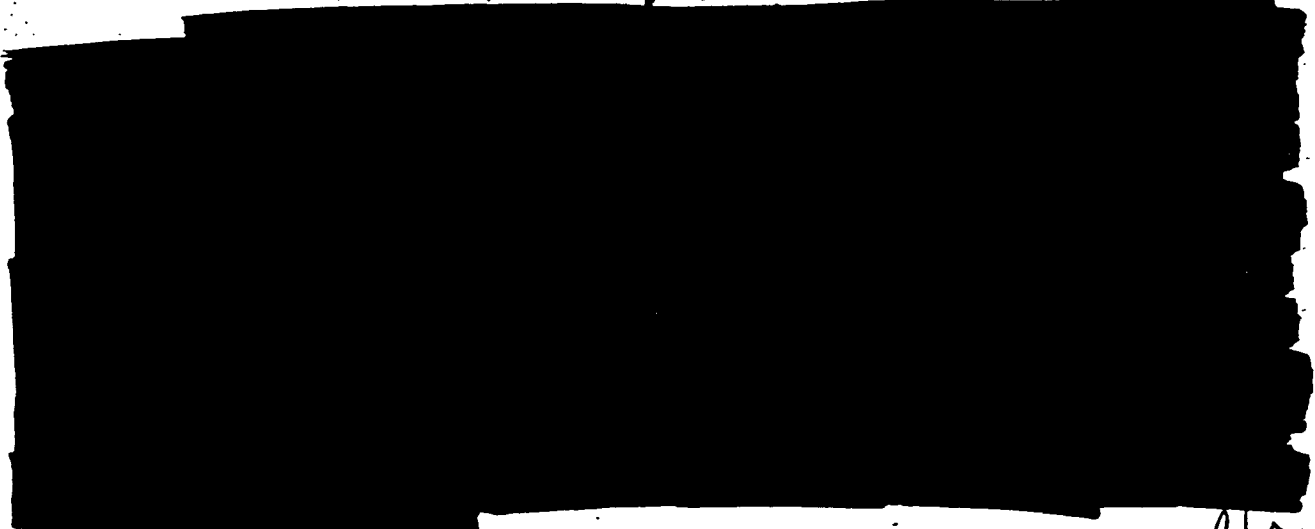
The files of the Subversive Detail, Wilshire Station, Los Angeles, Police Department, contain a letter dated September 23, 1928 addressed to LOUIS SCHNEIDERMAN, a prominent Communist Party functionary in California, from EVELYN LIE, an active member of the Communist Party in the Los Angeles, California, area at that time. This letter makes numerous references to the Young Communist League and the fact that the writer has spoken at state meetings, and obtained Communist Party signatures on petitions during election campaigns. The letter also mentions that there was at that time no Young Communist League in Berkeley, California, and continues: "I am more or less at large and called on to do work by anyone who needs help. I am willing to do work. This gives you an idea of conditions. I find a similar condition existing among other comrades and to an excess in the case of NORMAN BURSLER. He is a problem by himself and is living on past glory." The letter continues without any further reference to BURSLER. It was signed "Comradely yours", and contained the postscript "Regards to all the comrades." It is not known whether the individual mentioned in this letter is identical with NORMAN CHANDLER BURSLER but it is noted that BURSLER was in attendance in the Undergraduate School of the University of California from January, 1927 to May 1933.

[REDACTED] advised that the active indices of the United American Spanish Aid Committee contained the name NORMAN BURSLER. This organization was formed by known Communists and was alleged to be composed primarily of members of the Communist Party.

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~~X~~ Confidential informant, whose identity is known to the Bureau, provided the following information concerning NORMAN BURLER: "Subject is presently employed in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Information from this same informant reveals subject attended the University of California, Berkeley, California, intermittently between January 1, 1927 and 1938, obtaining his A. B. Degree in 1933 and studying economics in the Graduate Department from 1935 to 1938 receiving no degree. The files of the Berkeley Police Department list subject as a suspected Communist; active in the Friends of the Soviet Union and one of the organizers of the Social Problems Club (later a chapter of the National Students League), a suspected Communist Party front. Subject visited China during 1931 and 1932. He claims to have been employed by the American Consulate in Shanghai and Communist Party Secretary in Shanghai." b2
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RELATIONSHIP OF BURLER WITH SUBJECTS IN THE
SILVERMASTER CASE

In a personal history statement prepared by NORMAN BURLER in his own handwriting for the antitrust Division, Department of Justice, on August 5, 1938, the person to be notified in case of emergency was listed by BURLER as Dr. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, 3630 Jocelyn Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. The relationship of this individual was set out by BURLER as "friend".

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Also contained in the same personal history statement was a list of "references to persons well qualified to judge as to your fitness to the position sought." BURSLEER set out the following references: Dr. ROBERT A. BRADY, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, California; Dr. GREGORY N. SILVERMASTER, Labor Relations Adviser, Federal Security Administration, Washington, D.C.; Dr. LOUIS BLOCH, Labor Relations Adviser, Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C.; Dr. JESSICA PELKOTTO, Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, California; Dr. GUSTAV SEIDLER, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. Concerning the references about the following information is noted: Dr. Robert X Brady is a known associate of many prominent Communist Party members. Dr. Gregory N. Silvermaster is a principal subject of the present Soviet espionage investigation and Dr. Louis X Bloch is a known associate of many Communist Party members.

The Department of Justice files reflect that NORMAN BURSLEER was advised that questions had been raised concerning his Communist affiliation and by a five page memorandum to Mr. Thurman Arnold dated November 30, 1938, NORMAN BURSLEER set out a biographical sketch of himself in answer to the allegations. The following pertinent paragraph is quoted:

"Later on I will deal at more length about my genealogical education and my experience. Here, however, I should like to deal with the few clues which you were good enough to give me concerning those allegations. You asked me to tell you where I was on November 7 (election day) 1936. I was in Washington. I worked all day long at the Consumers Project, Department of Labor, with offices in the Keith-Albee Building, 15th and G Streets, Northwest. I shared an office with HARRY MEREMUS. After work I went for dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, who lived in an apartment at that time at 3217 Connecticut Avenue. Others in the party were Dr. and Mrs. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, BORIS WITTE, a member of the Russian aristocracy, and WILLIAM L. ULLMANN. After dinner the SILVERMASTERS went to the home of JAMES NEWELL BLAIR, son of former Assistant Attorney General HARRY BLAIR. However, I remained in the apartment listening to the radio and playing chess until they returned later in the evening."

It is further noted that members in the party with BURSLEER were Dr. and Mrs. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, principal subjects in the present Soviet espionage investigation, BORIS WITTE who BURSLEER identified as a member of the Russian aristocracy and WILLIAM L. ULLMANN who is also a subject in the

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SILVERMASTER investigation. A further pertinent portion of BURSLE's memorandum is quoted as follows:

"In the Fall of 1931 I took out a leave of absence from the University and went to Shanghai, China, where I secured a position as secretary to the American Commercial Attache. This position I held from October, 1931 until June, 1932 when I returned via Europe to the United States and completed my senior year, graduating as an economics major in May, 1933.

"Later at the University in pursuit of my economics studies, I had assignments in Marx's capital. Many times I tried to read it and found the book so dry I could never get past the first few chapters. At the University we were encouraged to consider all sides of political and social questions. Even Dr. BARROWS requested his political science classes to read the "Communist Manifesto". The University brought NORMAN THOMAS to the campus and arranged a debate between him and Chester Roll in the men's gymnasium before 5000 students. I attended all such affairs.

"From time to time I attended lectures and forums by as many of the various radical groups in the Bay City as time and opportunity permitted and heard Marx expounded from as many viewpoints as there were groups."

The Department files also reflect a letter written on the stationery of the Maritime Labor Board, Washington, D. C., and dated December 5, 1938, to Mr. THURMAN W. ARNOLD, Assistant Attorney General, from NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. This letter is quoted as follows:

"Dear Mr. Arnold:

I am writing this letter in behalf of Mr. Norman Bursler employed in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice who apparently has been the victim of slanderous accusations of being a 'Red'.

I met Mr. Bursler at the house of Professor Robert ~~Brady~~, University of California, who recommended Mr. Bursler to me as a person of unusual ability and of sterling personal qualities. Since 1935 I have had the opportunity to know Mr. Bursler more intimately as he has been a frequent visitor at my home. I believe, therefore, I am in a position to express an opinion as to his social-political views.

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"I would characterize Mr. Bursler as an ardent New Dealer and only in this sense can he be accused of being a Red. I am convinced Mr. Bursler could be classed as second to none in his devotion and loyalty to our Constitution."

In October, 1938 Mrs. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, 3630 Jocelyn Street, was interviewed and at that time she advised that NORMAN BURLER resided in her home for several weeks early in June of 1938 when he came from California to accept a position with the Government. She stated that she had known Bursler during the past six or seven years dating from his attendance at the University of California where her husband was a professor. She further stated that she knew nothing of a derogatory nature which would be considered against his obtaining employment with the Government. She considered him a most admirable person and deserving of all the assistance she could give him.

The Bureau's files reflect that a confidential interim report dated September 18, 1943, on "The Iron and Steel Industry; Activities of European Cartel Members in South America" was submitted by Norman Bursler, Economic Warfare Section, Department of Justice, New York, New York. It is pointed out that confidential informant Gregory advised that in the Summer of 1944 she saw reports on German cartels among material turned over to her by the SILVERMASTERS. The Bureau's files also reflect that on October 31, 1944 NORMAN BURLER submitted a confidential report entitled "Restricted Report on Aspects of German Economic Warfare as Prelude to Military Aggression." The files further reflect that BURLER was in April 1945 a member of the Search Team operating in Germany, and the files further reflect that NORMAN BURLER has taken part in other search teams investigating German cartels and on at least one of these occasions he was given the simulated rank of Major in the United States Army in order to carry out the assignment.

The New York Field Division has confidentially determined that the Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, New York City, advised NORMAN BURLER is presently employed in that city but expects to resign March 1, 1946 and engage in private business in Chicago, Illinois.

Bureau teletype dated March 4, 1946 contained information reflecting that an unidentified person at the SILVERMASTER residence requested that the Express Company pick up a wardrobe trunk for shipping to Chicago. Inquiry at the Railway Express Agency in Washington disclosed that a trunk shipped from that residence was consigned to NORMAN BURLER, Law School, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

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Using a suitable pretext concerning BURSLEER was made at the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in New York. It was there ascertained that NORMAN BURSLEER had not been in the New York Office of the Antitrust Division for a considerable period of time. The telephone operator there attempted to ascertain from persons in the Antitrust Division offices where BURSLEER could be found and the location of his last residence in New York City but no person in the office could provide that information. All were agreed, however, that BURSLEER had been occupied during recent months in Washington and that it had been rumored that he had left the Department to to accept a position as instructor of Economics at the University of Chicago under one ED LEVY, who was also formerly employed by the Antitrust Division.

Investigation at the West Side YMCA in New York at 5 West 63rd Street, New York by Special Agent CLIVE G. MATTHEWS revealed that NORMAN BURSLEER had lived in the dormitory at that YMCA from January 21, 1943 to October 21, 1943. The above information was provided by Mr. ELWOOD HAY, business secretary of the YMCA.

Mr. H. BENNETT, Assistant Membership Secretary at the above YMCA, advised Agent MATTHEWS that on March 29, 1943 BURSLEER had made application for membership in the YMCA and that he had provided the following information concerning his background:

Born	February 28, 1904
Birthplace	Wilmington, Delaware
Residence	YMCA 5 West 63rd Street, New York
Employment	U. S. Department of Justice
Marital Status	Single
Religious leaning	Protestant
Reference	SAMUEL S. ISSEKS, Room 2161 U. S. Court House

On BURSLEER's membership card there presently appears the notation 5515 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Although this notation could not be explained by Mr. BENNETT, it is presumed that this address is a forwarding address left at the YMCA by BURSLEER.

It is noted that the records of this "Y" do not go beyond January, 1943 and that it is possible that BURSLEER resided at this YMCA prior to that time.

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From Local Draft Board 23, New York, the following information was obtained concerning NORMAN BURLER:

The registration card at this Draft Board reflects that BURLER registered in New York on February 15, 1942 and his order number is 11612 and that at the time of registering he resided at 5 West 63rd Street, New York. BURLER gave the name of MILDRED PAULKNER of 705 Hillside Avenue, Brookland, Paris, Delaware, as the person who would always know his address.

At the Draft Board BURLER indicated that he had attended the following schools:

Temple University, 2 years;
Beacon Business College, 2½ years;
YMCA Evening School, 4 years
University of California, 3 years.

He listed his occupation as being that of an expert in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and stated that he had eight years' experience in this Division. He claimed that he was occupied with economic analysis; field investigating work and industrial studies and that his salary was \$4,600 per year.

BURLER was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York on October 8, 1942 at which time a physical examination reflected that he was suffering from mild psychoneurosis and poor vision and that he was qualified only for non-combatant duty. He was discharged at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky on January 19, 1943 at which time he held the rank of private first class, H.Q. Det. 1570th S.U.; his Army number was 32524044.

There is contained in the files of this Draft Board a letter dated February 3, 1945 from the Department of Justice requesting that BURLER receive authorization to go abroad on an official mission, the destination of which was undisclosed.

There was also a letter in the files of this Draft Board which was date stamped April 26, 1944 and signed by BURLER indicating that he was at that time occupied in Washington, D.C. and that he resided at 1414 Nicholsen Street, Washington, D. C.

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The following is a description of NORMAN BURLER:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	February 28, 1904 at Wilmington, Delaware
Height	5' 3"
Weight	142
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue - wears glasses
Complexion	Fair
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Economist
ASN	NB 32524044

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Michael M. O'Pourke on March 7th and 8th, 1946:

On March 8, 1946, LAUCHLIN CURRIE's office, the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, located at 19 Rector Street, New York City, was called under appropriate pretext. It was ascertained through CURRIE's secretary that he would not return from Europe until the end of March. The secretary further advised that CURRIE had been quite ill while in Europe and had been laid up for a couple of weeks with pneumonia and, consequently, his trip abroad was longer than was anticipated.

As previously reported, Confidential Informant [redacted] on December 5, 1945, advised that BETTY attempted to contact CURRIE at his residence, 61 East 8th Street and was advised that CURRIE was not at home. BETTY asked that CURRIE be advised that she had called and that he call her at Chelsea 3-5119, the home of a Chinese friend. BETTY further stated that she was supposed to write an article for a Senator concerning "financial aspects of our mission to China". (X)(u) b2 b7D

It was ascertain that Chelsea 3-5119 is listed to HONG CHEW, 298 West 11th Street. A review of the indices of the New York Office reflects that CHEW HONG, with aliases, was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation; that he was employed by the Office of War Information on October 15, 1945. He denied membership in the Communist Party, but admitted furnishing Office of War Information (OWI) information to PHILIP JACOB JAFFER. CHEW is reported to be the president of the CHINA DAILY NEWS, a Communist line newspaper. (X)(u)

BETTY is believed to be BETTY GRAHAM. A review of the files of the New York Office reflects that BETTY GRAHAM carried letters from SUN CHAI SEN in China to GRACE GRANICH in New York City. The files further reflect that BETTY GRAHAM in October of 1942 was leaving for New York via INDIA DURBON by boat from China and that she was associated with the UNITED PRESS. (u)

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MPS. RAY ELSON with alias

Investigative activity concerning Mrs. RAY ELSON, with alias, 161 West 16th Street, New York, New York, from February 12, 1946 through March 8, 1946 is reported by Special Agent Howard Robert Hawkins.

In the referenced report, information was set forth on page 42 that RAY ELSON on February 6, 1946 had entered a bank at 27th Street and Seventh Avenue. It was ascertained that the only bank located in that vicinity was the National Safety Bank and Trust Company, 305 Seventh Avenue. Special Agent (A) Arthur R. Redmond ascertained at the National Safety Bank and Trust Company that there was no account or safety-deposit box at that bank in the name of RAY ELSON, JOSEPH ELSON or Mrs. JOSEPH ELSON.

A mail cover has been maintained on the ELSON residence at 161 West 16th Street, New York City. This mail cover has reflected the following mail:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Return Address</u>
February 15, 1946	JOSEPH ELSON	Veterans Administration 346 Broadway New York City
February 15, 1946	RAY and JOSEPH ELSON	P. SREALSON 2524 West Division St. Chicago, Illinois
February 18, 1946	RAY ELSON	Yugoslav Independence Day Celebration Committee 235 East 11th Street New York City
February 25, 1946	JOE and RAY ELSON	PEPE and JIM POSTER (no return address shown)
February 27, 1946	RAY ELSON	Chairman of the American Labor Party 28 Greenwich Avenue New York City
February 28, 1946	RAY ELSON	SHONNIC SEPOSICA 1155 North Spaulding St. Chicago, Illinois

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Return Address</u>
March 2, 1946	RAY	Chase National Bank New York City
March 4, 1946	RAY	Book Find Club 401 Broadway New York City

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On February 12, 1946 at 11:40 A.M. a woman known as PAT, believed to be PAT EAGAN, who resides in the same apartment building with RAY ELSON, spoke to JOSEPH ELSON and invited JOE and RAY for lunch at 1:00 P.M. on that date. (X)(u)

On the same day, at 7:37 P.M. a person known as IRVING spoke to JOSEPH ELSON. IRVING stated that he had just returned from service in China and that he is now residing at 321 West 82nd Street, New York City; telephone number, SUsquehanna 7-9142. JOE stated that he and RAY were to spend the evening with the HALPERNS, who live at 317 West 84th Street. (X)(u)

The HALPERNS referred to above are Mr. and Mrs. SIMON A. HALPERN, known contacts of the ELSONS. (X)(u)

From the records of Confidential Informant [redacted] it was ascertained that SUsquehanna 7-9142 is listed to Mrs. LILLIAN ROLLER, 321 West 82nd Street, New York City, and this is a rooming house. As set forth below, it has been determined that the person named IRVING, who spoke to JOSEPH ELSON, is a person named IRVING LEVINE. (X)(u) b2 b7D

On February 13, 1946 at 9:25 A.M., JOSEPHINE KANE spoke to JOE ELSON and asked to speak to RAY ELSON. However, she was busy and did not speak to JOSEPHINE. JOSEPHINE explained to JOE that she wanted some information on the six-man Anglo-American Board on the Palestine inquiry and thought the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties might have some information. JOSEPHINE mentioned MURRAY, who is apparently her husband, MURRAY KANE. JOSEPHINE also inquired whether the International Workers Order might have the information she desired and it was agreed that the Jewish Section might have the information. JOSEPHINE stated that she would call JEAN, apparently JEAN BARCLAY (phonetic), who is employed at IWO under the name of JEAN MALAMAN (phonetic). JOSEPHINE asked RAY to call her at Whitehall 4-2340 in the event they had any information at the NFCL. JOSEPHINE also inquired of JOE concerning a person known as KANE (phonetic). (X)(u)

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JOE stated that he is at the office on Second Avenue, apparently referring to the IWO, Manhattan District, and East Side Council office of the International Workers Order, located at 189 Second Avenue, New York City. (X) (u)

In reference to YANK (phonetic) mentioned above, it will be recalled that [redacted] had previously reported a conversation between the ELSONS and a person known as YANK (phonetic) or YANKO (phonetic), which is set forth in report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley, dated January 28, 1946 at New York, New York. (X) (u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Whitehall 4-2340 is listed to WASSERVOGAL and SYLVESTER, Attorneys-at-law, 70 Pine Street, New York City. The directory for 70 Pine Street reflects the names of ISIDOR WASSERVOGAL and GEORGE SYLVESTER as having offices at that address. b2 b7D

On February 14, 1946 unanswered incoming calls were reported at 8:50 P.M. and 9:48 P.M. At 11:07 P.M. LENA DUTTO spoke to RAY ELSON. RAY stated that they had been to a movie. They discussed FRANK DUTTO's union activities and indicated that FRANK might resign as agent of the Bakers Union. They also discussed RAY's work at the NFCL, during which RAY stated she was working on a conference to take place in about two months. RAY stated they were going to a Jewish theater on February 19th and at a party at her brother JERRY's on February 26th. The DUTTOS were invited to the party. It was apparent that the DUTTOS live near RAY's brother in the Bronx. LENA stated that HYMIE (phonetic) had been expelled from the union and also mentioned that FRANK DUTTO was depending on HYMIE for support in a strike presently going on. (X) (u)

The HYMIE referred to above is believed to be HYMAN BERNSTEIN, who resides at 306 East 171st Street, Bronx, New York, concerning whom information is set forth below. (X) (u)

On February 15, 1946 at 6:40 P.M., an unidentified woman spoke to JOE ELSON, stating that she was at RUTH's, apparently referring to RUTH MILLER, who resides in the same apartment building with the ELSONS. This unidentified woman stated that she would visit the ELSONS in a few minutes. (X) (u)

On the same date at 9:58 P.M. a person known as RAE JEFFERMAN (phonetic) spoke to RAY ELSON. JEFFERMAN stated she was in the neighborhood at the Jefferson School of Social Science, which is located at the intersection of 16th Street and the Avenue of the Americas. It was agreed that JEFFERMAN would visit the ELSONS in a few minutes. (X) (u)

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On the same date at 10:09 P.M. a person known as STELLA spoke to JOE ELSON and to a person known as LOUISE, believed to be LOUISE SCHATZ. The call was of a social nature. The STELLA referred to here is believed to be STELLA HURLEY, who resides with LOUISE SCHATZ at 17 West 70th Street, New York City. (S)(u)

From February 16, 1946 through February 21, 1946 no activity was reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] (S)(u) b2 b7D

On February 22, 1946, at 10:37 A.M. RAY ELSON spoke to BILLIE HARDY. She informed BILLIE that she would like to go to the Museum of Modern Art and arrange to meet HARDY at 47th Street and Seventh Avenue at about twelve noon. After the performance at the Museum of Modern Art, RAY stated that she planned to visit her sister-in-law, SHIRLEY ELSON, who was at that time in the hospital. RAY further stated it would be necessary for her to be home at 5:00 P.M. as she planned to go out that evening. It was also stated that BILLIE HARDY had an appointment to visit the office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, February 25, 1946. (S)(u)

It will be recalled that Dr. WEINSTEIN has been an important suspect in this case and has been contacted by several subjects in the case. (S)(u)

On the same date at 11:05 A.M. RAY spoke to LENA DUTTO. RAY stated that she and JOE would arrive at the DUTTOS Saturday night, February 23rd at about 6:30 P.M. They also discussed the party to be held on that date at JERRY's brother's apartment in the Bronx. LENA stated that she might resign from her position with the International Workers Order in June of this year. (S)(u)

On the same date at 12:35 P.M., JOE ELSON spoke to his brother, ROBERT ELSON. JOE stated that he and RAY were going to "some affair" in Brooklyn on that date. They discussed the party to be held at JERRY's and JOE stated it was for IRVING LEVINE and that the address where the party was to be held was 3021 Holland Avenue, Apartment 36N, Bronx. (S)(u)

On the same date at 2:00 P.M., a person known as JEANE (phonetic) spoke to JOE and stated that she would like to come over in the evening in the event they would be home. JOE informed her they were going out for the evening. (S)(u)

On the same date at 4:00 P.M. an unidentified woman spoke to JOE and asked to speak to RAY. JOE informed that she was out and would not be back until 5:00 P.M. He also stated that they were going to a law fraternity dance on this date with VICTORI (phonetic), who works in the same office with RAY. (S)(u)

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On February 23, 1946 JOE ELSON called BILLIE HARDY, who was not in. JOE left word for her to call him at Watkins 9-3559. (S)(u)

At 1:05 P.M. BILLIE HARDY spoke to JOE. BILLIE stated she was at the Jefferson School and would be at the ELSONS' later. JOE stated that they would all leave for LENA DUTTO's in the Bronx at about 5:30 P.M. (S)(u)

On February 24, 1946 at 12:10 P.M. MURRAY KANE spoke to JOE ELSON and JOE invited MURRAY to come for breakfast. (S)(u)

On the same date at 2:20 P.M. RAY spoke to LOUISE, believed to be LOUISE SCHATZ. During the conversation LOUISE said that she expects MIMI (phonetic), who was staying with her until February 26th to go to Europe for the War Department. RAY states that MURRAY's telephone number is Watkins 9-4135, which is the telephone number listed to MURRAY KANE, who resides in the same building. (S)(u)

On the same date at 2:25 P.M. RAY spoke to a person known as BERT concerning a room vacancy on 113th Street and tells BERT to call LOUISE at Trafalgar 7-1574 concerning this room. (S)(u)

On the same date at 3:10 P.M. a person known as LEO SMITH (phonetic) spoke to RAY. LEO indicated that he had just returned from giving a piano concert in Chicago and that on March 13 next he is to play with the NBC orchestra. RAY gave him the address of MITCHELL and MIRIAM SIPORIN as 121 West 97th Street and LEO indicated that this address was not far from where he presently resides. RAY accepted an invitation to visit LEO at 8:30 P.M. on Thursday, February 28. (S)(u)

On the same date at 5:20 P.M. RAY invited MURRAY KANE for dinner on that date, which was accepted by him. (S)(u)

On February 25, 1946 no activity was reported. (S)(u)

On February 26, 1946 at 7:00 P.M. RAY informed JOE that she would be home in a few minutes. (S)(u)

On February 27, 1946 at 8:15 P.M. RAY spoke to MURRAY KANE and KANE said he would visit the ELSONS in a few minutes. (S)(u)

On February 28, 1946 and March 1, 1946 no activity is reported. (S)(u)

On March 2, 1946 at 10:15 A.M. RAY spoke to Mrs. MILTON M. KAMITZ at Jamaica 3-6732. She invited Mr. and Mrs. KAMITZ for dinner at her apartment. (S)(u)

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on that date. It was agreed that they would arrive at about 8:00 P.M. They discussed MILTON's work at the NECL and it was agreed that he was working too hard. MILT KAUFMAN is also mentioned and RAY remarks that she hopes MILT KAUFMAN doesn't get like MILT KAUFMAN from overwork. (A)(u)

Information regarding MILTON NEUMANN KERMITZ is set forth in report of Special Agent Edward W. Dooley, dated January 28, 1946 at New York, New York. It will be recalled that he is an outstanding figure in the Communist Party and Communist front organizations, and is presently Executive Secretary of the NECL. (A)(u)

The MILT KAUFMAN referred to above is believed to be MILTON KAUFMAN, who is coordinator of organizations at the Greater New York Industrial Council, CIO, 1133 Broadway, New York City. (A)(u)

On the same date at 2:50 P.M. RAY invited BILLIE HARDY to dinner on that date. ILLIE indicated to RAY that the NECL was operating an exhibit booth in the Commodore Hotel on that date and that literature opposing the House un-American Activities Committee was being passed out at that booth in the Commodore Hotel. (A)(u)

On March 3, 1946 at 10:20 A.M. RAY spoke to her brother JERRY. She stated that JOE is going to Great Neck, Long Island and that she planned to take a walk and then attend a movie, and would be home around 9:00 P.M. (A)(u)

On the same date at 6:00 P.M. JOE spoke to RAY, informing her that he would not be home until about 7:30 P.M. At 6:03 P.M. RAY spoke to JOSEPHINE KANE and informed her that JOE would not be home until about 7:30 P.M. and it was agreed that the ELSONS and the KANES would postpone having dinner together on that date. RAY stated that she and JOE would be home this evening; that the KANES might stop in for a visit. (A)(u)

On the same date at 9:04 P.M., a person known as SHIRLEY, believed to be SHIRLEY ELSON, spoke to RAY and invited the ELSONS to come to her apartment on Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 P.M., at which time she was having a tea party. RAY indicated that they might accept that invitation that date. (A)(u)

On March 4, 1946 no activity was reported. (A)(u)

On March 5, 1946 at 8:46 P.M. a person known as DOROTHY GOLDEN, previously not known to RAY ELSON, spoke with RAY and informed her that she would like to see her concerning the registration of RAY in the Village Club. RAY stated that she would visit DOROTHY regarding this matter and DOROTHY informed (A)(u)

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her that she resides in Apartment 4-F at 107 University Place. It was agreed that RAY would see DOROTHY at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, March 7. (S)(u)

The Village Club referred to in this conversation is the Village Club of the Communist Party. (S)(u)

On March 6, 1946 no activity is reported. (S)(u)

On March 7, 1946 at 7:15 P.M. Confidential Informant GREGORY spoke to JOSEPH ELSON and asked to speak with RAY. However, JOE informed GREGORY that RAY was out and that she would not be back until about 8:00 P.M. (S)(u)

* On the same date at 8:15 P.M. a person known as LIZA SMITH or SCHMIDT (phonetic) spoke to RAY. They made a date to visit together on Thursday, March 14. It was indicated during the conversation that RAY had stayed with LIZA at Rockaway last summer. (S)(u)

On the same date at 8:20 P.M. Confidential Informant GREGORY spoke to RAY ELSON. GREGORY mentioned that some unidentified woman had telephoned GREGORY's office and asked to speak to RAY ELSON. RAY informed GREGORY that the person who called was LIZA SMITH (phonetic), who had been trying to get in touch with RAY. RAY and GREGORY had a general conversation concerning office matters and discussed having lunch or dinner together sometime. However, no definite date was made. (S)(u)

On the same date at 8:40 P.M. MURRAY KANE telephoned his wife from the ELSON apartment and informed her that he was going for a walk with RAY and JOE and would be out for about two hours. (S)(u)

On March 8, 1946 from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. several incoming calls were reported, none of which were answered. (S)(u)

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE FROM FEBRUARY 13 TO MARCH 8, 1946

On February 13, 1946 at 9:55 A.M. RAY ELSON left her residence and proceeded to the offices of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, 205 East 42nd Street, where she entered at 10:20 A.M. She had lunch from 12:45 P.M. to 1:15 P.M. with BILLIE HARDY and an employee in NFCL office. At 6:30 P.M. she left her place of employment and returned to her residence where she remained through out the evening.

On February 14, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment, leaving there at 6:35 P.M. She entered a cross-town street car at 42nd Street

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and Third Avenue, where it was necessary for security reasons to discontinue the surveillance. At 10:30 P.M. she was observed entering her residence in company of her husband, JOSEPH ELSON, where she remained for the rest of the evening.

On February 15, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment. She had lunch with BILLIE HARDY. At 6:00 P.M. she left her place of employment and spent the evening at her residence.

On February 16, 1946 RAY left her residence at 9:40 A.M. and entered her place of employment a few minutes later. At 2:35 P.M. she reappeared and went shopping in various stores between 42nd Street and 39th Street near Fifth Avenue. She later went shopping in the vicinity of 14th Street and 7th Avenue and thereafter returned home, arriving at approximately 4:25 P.M. At 7:20 P.M. she left her residence accompanied by her husband, an unknown woman and two other people believed to be MITCHELL and MIRIAM SIPORIN. They proceeded by taxi to a theater located at Second Avenue and Second Street. At this theater JOE and MITCHELL went to the box office, while the other people remained outside the theater. A few minutes later they all walked to the Moscowitz and Lubnits Roumanian Restaurant at 40 Second Avenue, where they entered. At 8:30 P.M. they left this restaurant and entered the theater, where they remained until 11:30 P.M. Upon leaving this theater they walked to Child's Restaurant at 42 East 14th Street, where they entered. They left this restaurant at 1:05 A.M. on February 17, and walked to the intersection of 14th Street and the Avenue of the Americas. MITCHELL and MIRIAM SIPORIN and the unidentified woman entered the subway at this point, and RAY and JOE continued on in the direction of their residence. It was learned that MITCHELL and MIRIAM SIPORIN proceeded by subway to 96th Street and from there walked to and entered 121 West 96th Street, where they are known to reside. The unidentified woman remained on the subway. She is described as follows:

Age	25 to 30 years
Height	5'4"
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Black
Complexion	Olive
Build	Medium
Appearance	Jewish
Eyes	Dark
Dress	Black clothe coat, black silk stockings, black shoes with low heels.

On February 17, 1946 at 1:05 P.M. RAY and her husband left their residence and went for a walk in the Greenwich Village area. They conferred

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for a few minutes at various times with people whom they met in the street, each of whom appeared to be persons residing in that vicinity. They returned home at 2:20 P.M. They were not again observed to leave their residence on this date.

On February 18, 1946 RAY spent the day at the office and at 7:40 P.M., accompanied by her husband and an unidentified woman, she was observed to leave her residence. They proceeded by bus to the New York Civic Center, located on 55th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. The ELSONS returned home at 2:20 A.M. on February 19. The unidentified woman who accompanied the ELSONS on this date was described as follows:

Age	35 to 40 years
Height	5'6"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Heavy set
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Light
Dress	Wore black clothe coat, black fur collar, black felt hat with medium brim.

On February 19, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment. At 5:13 P.M. her husband, JOSEPH ELSON was observed to enter the office building where the NFCL is located. At 6:35 P.M. RAY appeared, accompanied by her husband. They went shopping in three stores located on 42nd Street and thereafter proceeded to her residence, arriving there at approximately 7:15 P.M. She was not again observed on this date.

On February 20, 1946 RAY spent the morning at her place of employment. At 12:55 P.M. she appeared accompanied by two unidentified woman. They walked to the Sandwich Man Restaurant on 42nd Street, where they had lunch. After lunch, unidentified woman #1 proceeded west on 42nd Street and RAY and the other woman returned to the NFCL offices. The unidentified women are described as follows:

Woman #1

Age	30 to 35 years
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Full, round in shape
Dress	Black coat, dark shoes, green scarf.

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Woman #2

Age	30 years
Height	5'2"
Weight	128 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Glasses	Wore rimless glasses
Dress	Black coat, black shoes

At 6:00 P.M. RAY left the office building where she is employed and proceeded by subway to 30 East 29th Street, where she entered the office of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO. She remained there until 6:30 P.M., after which she proceeded to her residence, entering at approximately 6:15 P.M. She next left her residence at 11:10 P.M., accompanied by her husband. They went for a walk in the immediate area, purchased some newspapers and then returned home.

On February 21, 1946 at 9:35 A.M. RAY, accompanied by her husband, left her residence. They walked to Hearn's Department Store on 14th Street, where RAY entered at 10:00 A.M. After purchasing several articles she left that store and proceeded to her place of employment. At 4:00 P.M. she left her place of employment and proceeded to 20 East 53rd Street, where she entered at 4:20 P.M. The office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN is located at that address. She was observed to enter this office by Special Agents John M. Collins and E. Courtenay Clinch. RAY ELSON remained at 20 East 53rd Street until 6:05 P.M. From there she proceeded by subway to her residence where she entered at approximately 6:35 P.M. She reappeared at 8:30 P.M., accompanied by her husband. She went shopping in the immediate vicinity and returned home a few minutes later.

On February 22, 1946 at 11:35 A.M. RAY left her residence, proceeded by subway to Carnegie Hall, located on 57th Street near 7th Avenue. She was joined there a few minutes later by BILLIE HARDY. They walked to Bards Shoe Store at 128 West 57th Street, where they entered at 12:02 P.M. They remained there until 12:55 P.M., from where they walked to a hosiery shop at 120 West 57th Street. They remained in this shop a few minutes. A short time later they entered a delicatessen at 1387 Avenue of the Americas. At 1:30 P.M. they left this delicatessen and proceeded to the Museum of Modern Art. They remained there until 2:50 P.M., after which they walked to Fifth Avenue and south to 42nd Street window shopping. At 3:12 P.M. they entered a United Cigar Store at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, where they remained for a few minutes. At 3:25 P.M. they entered

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Longchamps Restaurant at 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue. At 3:40 P.M. the surveillance at Longchamps was discontinued after it was determined that subject was not in the restaurant at that time. The surveillance was resumed in the vicinity of 161 West 16th Street and at 4:40 P.M. RAY was observed entering that address carrying packages. At 10:50 P.M. RAY and JOE entered a taxi cab immediately in front of their residence. It was impossible to surveil this taxi cab at this time. [However, according to information from Confidential Informant ██████████, RAY attended a law fraternity dance with a friend, who is also employed in the NFCL offices. RAY and her husband returned to their residence at 12:10 A.M. on February 23, 1946.] (u) b2 b7D

(u) On February 23, 1946 at 5:30 P.M. RAY, her husband and BILLIE HARDY left 161 West 16th Street. They proceeded by subway to the Burke Avenue station, from where they walked to 3040 Cruger Avenue, Bronx, New York, where they entered at 6:40 P.M. It will be recalled that LENA and FRANK DUITO reside at this address. [According to information furnished by Confidential Informant ██████████, RAY visited LENA and FRANK DUITO and later attended a party at the apartment of her brother and sister-in-law, JERRY and LILLIAN SHUCHTER, 3021 Holland Avenue, Bronx. The SHUCHTERS reside in the immediate vicinity of the DUITO residence.] At 12:15 A.M. on February 24, RAY entered the subway at Burke Avenue and proceeded directly to her residence, arriving there at approximately 1:10 A.M. (u) b2 b7D

On February 24, 1946 RAY was not observed to leave her residence during the day, and was at various times observed in her apartment. At 5:30 P.M. she proceeded to West 4th Street and 7th Avenue. She made some purchases in the vicinity and returned home at approximately 6:00 P.M. At 11:15 P.M. RAY, accompanied by her husband, proceeded to the Griddle Shop on West 8th Street near 6th Avenue. At 12:00 midnight they returned to their residence.

On February 25, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment. She had lunch from 12:45 to 1:20 P.M. with BILLIE HARDY. At 1:30 P.M. they walked to and entered the office of the Perry Printing Company, 42nd Street near Second Avenue. A few minutes later they returned to the offices of the NFCL. RAY ELSON was not observed to leave her place of employment at the usual time. Consequently, the surveillance was re-instituted at her residence, 161 West 16th Street. At 9:10 P.M. JOE ELSON was observed to enter and at 11:10 P.M. RAY ELSON was observed entering her residence.

On February 26, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment, leaving there at approximately 7:12 P.M. She proceeded directly to her residence and was not again observed to leave on this date.

On February 27, 1946 RAY spent the day at her office and had lunch with BILLIE HARDY. She left her office at approximately 7:00 P.M. and

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remained home throughout the evening.

On February 23, 1946 she spent the day at her office. By 7:15 P.M. she was not observed to leave her place of employment. Consequently, the surveillance was instituted in the vicinity of her residence. However, no activity was observed by the surveilling agent.

On March 1, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment, arriving there at approximately 10:00 A.M. At 6:20 P.M. RAY left the offices of the NFCL and proceeded by subway to the vicinity of her residence where she did some shopping in the stores in that area. At 6:50 P.M. she entered her residence and was not again observed to leave during the evening.

On March 2, 1946 at 10:30 A.M. RAY accompanied by her husband, left her residence. She made several purchases in the vicinity and walked to Hearn's Department Store at 14th Street where she purchased several small articles. She was observed to enter other stores in the immediate vicinity of her residence and returned home at 12:45 P.M. She was not again observed to leave her residence during the day. However, visitors were observed in the ELSON apartment during the evening. [According to information from Confidential Informant ██████████ the people observed in the ELSON apartment on this day were Mr. and Mrs. MILTON N. REMMITS.] (u) (b2) (b7D)

On March 3, 1946 at 12:45 P.M. RAY accompanied by Mrs. JOSEPHINE KANE, left her residence. They walked south on 7th Avenue through the Greenwich Village area, then proceeded on south on Hudson Street. They walked to City Hall and from there to approximately the center of the Brooklyn Bridge. At 1:50 P.M. they were observed on the Brooklyn Bridge looking up and down the East River. Shortly thereafter they walked to the entrance of the Third Avenue elevator line and boarded an uptown train which they took to 14th Street. RAY remained at home during the evening, and at 7:35 P.M. her husband was observed entering their residence.

On March 4, 1946 RAY and her husband accompanied by BILLIE HARDY were observed in their apartment at 7:30 P.M. At 8:45 P.M. they left the ELSON residence and proceeded to the Art Theatre, located at 36 East 8th Street. They remained there until 11:20 P.M., after which the ELSONS returned to their residence and BILLIE HARDY entered the subway at 14th Street and 7th Avenue.

On March 5, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment, leaving there at 6:20 P.M. She proceeded by bus to her residence where she entered at 6:50 P.M. At 7:20 P.M. she reappeared, accompanied by her husband, and proceeded to Poppos Restaurant, 254 West 14th Street, where they had dinner. After dinner they made some purchases in the immediate vicinity of their residence and returned home at approximately 8:05 P.M.

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On March 6, 1946 RAY spent the morning at her place of employment. At 12:55 P.M. she appeared accompanied by BILLIE HARDY. They proceeded to the Shanty Restaurant at 428 Fourth Avenue, where they entered at 1:10 P.M. At 1:15 P.M. they were joined by RAY's brother, JERRY BRUCHTER. At 1:45 P.M. they left the Shanty Restaurant and walked west on 29th Street to the Guild Book Shop, 32 East 29th Street. JERRY entered the book shop while RAY and BILLIE HARDY proceeded west on 29th Street. At 2:10 P.M. JERRY left the book shop and walked to 151 East 32nd Street, where he entered. He is known to be employed at that address.

At 6:30 P.M. RAY left her office. She proceeded by subway to 14th Street and 7th Avenue. Thereafter she walked to the Fairfield Restaurant, 243 West 14th Street, where she was joined by GINETTE SCHAIN, a known contact of RAY ELSON. They entered this restaurant at 6:45 P.M. At 8:45 P.M. they left this restaurant and walked south on 7th Avenue to Christopher Street. They turned and retraced their steps to 7th Avenue and Waverly Place where they entered the Society for Russian Relief. They remained at this address for approximately fifteen minutes and when they left this address they carried packages. Thereafter they walked to the ELSON apartment, entering at approximately 9:25 P.M.

On March 7, 1946 RAY spent the day at her place of employment. She was not observed to leave her office at the usual time, and at 7:00 P.M. the surveillance was discontinued at the office and instituted in the vicinity of her residence, at 7:15 P.M. At 7:50 P.M. she was observed entering her residence. At 8:35 P.M. she left her residence accompanied by her husband and a person believed to be MURRAY KANE, who resides in the same apartment building. They walked to the Palm Bar where they entered at 8:40 P.M. and remained there until 9:50 P.M., after which they returned directly to the ELSON residence.

The physical surveillance logs prepared in connection with this investigation have been placed in the appropriate section of this file.

Special Agents who conducted this surveillance are as follows:

L. Morris Best
H. Courtenay Clinch
John M. Collins
John J. Danahy
Francis D. O'Brien
James R. Shimers
Ross D. Wolcott

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HYMAN and FRIEDA BERNSTEIN

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported a conversation on February 14, 1946 in which HYMIE is mentioned. Also in the referenced report, page 41, FRIEDA BERNSTEIN, residing at 306 East 171st Street, Bronx, is mentioned as a friend of the DUTTOS. (P)(U) b2 b7D

The records of Local Board No. 89, 1533 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, reflect that HYMAN BERNSTEIN registered for Selective Service on April 27, 1942, at which time he was residing at 306 East 171st Street; telephone number, Jerome 8-5960. Records of this local board reflect that BERNSTEIN was born on May 15, 1895 at Crutic, Russia. His wife, FRIEDA BERNSTEIN, was listed as the person who would always know his address. He gave his employment as with the Bakery and Pastry Drivers Union, Local 802, 255 West 34th Street, New York City.

His description is as follows:

Name	HYMAN BERNSTEIN
Color	White
Age	50 years
Height	5'6"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Light

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 32nd Street and 7th Avenue were checked for information concerning BERNSTEIN, with negative results.

The "Daily Worker" of July 1, 1943, on page 2 states that an open letter was sent to Secretary of State CORDELL HULL, which is signed by 150 outstanding CIO, AFL and independent trade union leaders, hailing the liberation of the Spanish Republicans and other anti-Fascist prisoners and their families from North Africa and concentration camps. This letter was circulated by Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY, Chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 425 Fourth Avenue. One of the signers of this letter was HYMAN BERNSTEIN, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 802, AFL.

The "Daily Worker" of January 9, 1944, page 6 reflects the name of FRANK DUTTO as president of Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, Local 1, and HYMAN BERNSTEIN, president of International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America, Local 802, as those who joined with other labor leaders in greeting the "Daily Worker" on the occasion

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of its 20th anniversary of its founding.

The records of the New York Office reflect that the name of [REDACTED]

(c) MRS. BELLA DOREN b1

REPORT OF SA EDWARD N. DOOLEY DATED FEB 11, 1946 AT NY, NY.

In the reference report, page 26, it was set forth that RAY ELSON was contacted on January 30, 1946 by a person who later went to 212 West 72nd Street.

O. C. JACKSON, superintendent, 212 West 72nd Street was contacted regarding the occupants of apartment building located at that address. According to JACKSON, the only person fitting the description obtained by the surveilling agents on January 30, is a person residing in apartment #4 at that address, whose name is Mrs. BELLA DOREN. The directory at 212 West 72nd Street also reflected the name of GOLDSTEIN. JACKSON could furnish no further information concerning DOREN, nor could he give any information concerning GOLDSTEIN.

JOHN J. MAHAN, agent for EARL & CALHOUN REAL ESTATE COMPANY, 265 West 72nd Street, advised that they manage the apartment building located at 21 West 72nd Street. He advised that Mrs. DOREN was an occupant of that apartment building in March 1944 when they took over the building and for that reason they had obtained no information concerning her background or activities.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked for information concerning BELLA DOREN, with negative results.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that BELLA DOREN has telephone number TRafalgar 7-6310, and that service was connected for her at 21 West 72nd Street on October 1, 1945. She gave her business employment as Steno-typist for the Sills Reporting Service, and as a bank reference she gave the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank. b2 b7D

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reflect that the Sills Reporting Service is located at 38 Park Row, New York City. The principal in interest of this service is Miss SYBIL A. SILLS, who is listed as the owner. b2 b7D

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The service furnishes stenographic service to clients on a fee basis and includes stenographic reports of conventions and various meetings.

DOROTHY GOLDEN

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported a conversation between RAY ELSON and DOROTHY GOLDEN on March 5, 1946, in which DOROTHY stated that she desired to register RAY in the Village Club. The records of the New York Office reflect that DOROTHY GOLDEN is a registered member of the Communist Party, residing at 107 University Place, New York City. She gave her occupation as housewife. She is known to have been a Communist Party canvasser during recent New York City elections. (S)(u) b2 b7D

IRVING LEVINE

On February 12, 1946 a conversation was reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] between a person known as IRVING and JOE ELSON. It was indicated during the conversation that IRVING resides at 321 West 82nd Street. (S)(u) b2 b7D

BERNARD ROLLER, owner of the building at 321 West 82nd Street, was contacted under pretext, at which time he advised that a person by the name of IRVING LEVINE resides in apartment #12 at that address with his wife, RUTH LEVINE, formerly RUTH WEINER. He explained that IRVING recently returned from military service in India, and that both RUTH and IRVING were architects by profession, RUTH's father being an architect for the City of New York. He further described the LEVINES as respectable people whom he had known for some time.

His description of IRVING LEVINE was as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown
Build	Slim
Address	321 West 82nd Street New York City
Occupation	Architect

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 32nd Street and 7th Avenue were checked for a record concerning IRVING LEVINE, with negative results.

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SECRET~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MICHAEL ENDELMAN, wa: Michael Nicholas Delman

The following information was dictated by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE:

An investigation was conducted to ascertain the activities and background of MICHALINA FABIAN, who is reported to be a sister of MICHAEL ENDELMAN. Information was received from the Kansas City Field Division reflecting that the files of the United States Attorney's Office at Topeka, Kansas, reveal that MICHALINA FABIAN advised the United States Attorney's Office by letter dated November 5, 1944, that she had a son, TOMMY, age thirteen, and her Alien Enemy Registration number is listed as 5276758. She further indicated that her nationality is Stateless although she was formerly a German national. Her former addresses were listed as 149 Manhattan Avenue, New York City, and 1325 Fillmore Street, Topeka, Kansas. She further stated that her former employment was at the HILLSIDE HOSPITAL, Bellerose, Long Island, New York. She advised the United States Attorney's Office that she is now employed as a psychiatrist at the MENNINGER CLINIC, Topeka, Kansas, and that her present address is 3614 West 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

On June 2, 1945, FABIAN executed an Alien Enemy travel application wherein she requested authority for herself and her son, TOMMY, to travel to Windsor, Ontario, for the purpose of obtaining a permanent immigrant visa. She advised that she intended to depart on June 10, 1945, and return to Topeka, Kansas, on June 15, 1945.

The indices of the Kansas City Field Division were examined for a record on MICHALINA FABIAN with negative results.

No further information has been received that appears of value regarding ENDELMAN's activities. A mail cover is being maintained on ENDELMAN at 49 West 83rd Street, New York City, and to date no new contacts of ENDELMAN have been developed although ENDELMAN has received very little mail.

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RE: MICHAEL GREENBERG

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE:

A letter was received from the New York Post Office, dated February 22, 1946, reflecting that GREENBERG left a removal address at the Station O Post Office, New York City, to 4884 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. GERTRUDE REOPELLE, Superintendent of 7 West 15th Street, New York City, stated that Mrs. EDITH EPSTEIN advised that Mr. and Mrs. GREENBERG were again living in the vicinity of West 15th Street, New York City. Mrs. REOPELLE was unable to obtain any further specific information.

A confidential source advised that the toll calls charged to Chelsea 2-1045, at the former address of GREENBERG, are as follows:

12/13/45	Mrs. GREENBERG called MICHAEL GREENBERG at Executive 7030, Washington, D. C., extension 2364	(u)
12/25/45	A call was placed to Springfield, Mass., 31786	(u)
12/30/45	A call was placed to Port Washington, New York, 2563.	

This source further advised that the listing to Port Washington 2563 is THOMAS A. BISSON, 40 Richards Road, Port Washington, New York.

A review of the files in the New York Field Division reflected that in the case entitled "PHILIP JACOB JAFFE, was.; ET AL; ESPIONAGE-X", THOMAS ARTHUR BISSON had been in frequent contact with PHILIP JACOB JAFFE. This file further reflected that BISSON was appointed to the post of Principal Economic Analyst in the Far Eastern Division of the Economic Warfare Analysis Section, on January 22, 1942.

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It was further indicated that BISSON had also contributed several articles to the Communist magazine "Soviet Russia Today" and that he had been on the editorial board of "Amerasia." In 1942, BISSON was reported as being prominent in the activities of the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York City.

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The following was dictated by Special Agent JOSEPH M. KELLY and reports the results of conversations with Confidential Informant GREGORY from February 19, 1946 to March 12, 1946:

With further reference to NORMAN BURSNER, whose activities have been described in earlier reports, it was further ascertained that GREGORY believes he resided during his stay in New York at the Westside YMCA off Central Park. Informant reiterated that she had never seen nor met this individual but said it was her impression from HELEN SILVERMASTER that he lived at the above named address.

It was also learned during this period that informant has been in telephonic communication with RAY ELSON and that the latter claims to be extremely busy in her work for the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. No information of apparent significance to instant investigation was obtained by the informant in conversations with ELSON.

Informant advised, in addition, that during the first week of March, 1946 the UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION received a cable from INTOURIST, Moscow, advising that the manner of handling shipments from this country to the USSR was being changed immediately; that the International Postal Convention between the United States and the USSR, which had been in existence prior to the war, was being revived; and that, accordingly, shipments in the future would be handled by Parcel Post rather than by freight, as has been the practice during the war. The informant declared further that Colonel REYNOLDS has decided to designate several other Sub-Agents for the company in the New York Area, as well as in other cities, and that the effect of this would be to decrease considerably the work formerly handled by WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

Inasmuch as the United States Post Office in New York was unable to provide informant with all details of the postal convention between this country and Russia, she was instructed by Colonel REYNOLDS to go to Washington and confer there with officials of the Post Office Department. Inasmuch as the informant had indicated previously that her last meeting with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER had been cordial and that there was no reason to believe a change in his attitude had occurred, it was suggested that on the occasion of this trip, the informant communicate with him in an attempt to learn anything of value.

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It was also suggested to the informant that contact be had with HELEN TENNEY, inasmuch as there is no apparent reason to believe that the cordiality formerly existing between informant and her does not continue at the present time. The prospect of these proposed contacts with SILVERMASTER and TENNEY was carefully discussed with the informant and instructions were given that, in as casual and natural a manner as possible, attempts should be made to learn the present activities, associates and, if possible, the Russian contacts of these people.

Accordingly, informant departed from New York City at 4.30 p.m. on March 12, 1946 via the Congressional Limited and was instructed to maintain contact with Special Agent CHARLES F. LAIMAN of the New York Field Division who had preceded her to Washington that day.

During the period covered by this report, informant has continued to make available copies of "Distributors' Guide", the publication recently launched by EARL BROWDER, and copies of it have been prepared and forwarded to the Bureau under caption of the BROWDER case.

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The following message dictated by Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly and represents information furnished by Confidential Informant GREGORY, whose identity is known to the Bureau, to Special Agents N. M. Kalnes and J. M. Kelly on March 15, 1946.

Informant related that in accordance with her plans, she traveled to Washington on March 12, 1946 and upon her arrival there early in the evening she telephonically communicated with HELEN SILVERMASTER at the latter's residence, identifying herself as "HELEN". After some preliminary conversation, during which Mrs. SILVERMASTER appeared to have a little difficulty in understanding the caller's identity, she finally recognized her, and after the Informant mentioned she was in Washington on business and would like to see her, HELEN SILVERMASTER invited her to go out to her home. She suggested dinner on the following evening and on Informant's reply that she had other plans, she suggested that she stop there later. Informant felt that HELEN SILVERMASTER'S reception was as cordial as could be expected and she indicated no distrust or fear of Informant.

Informant further declared that shortly after arriving at the ROOSEVELT HOTEL, she telephonically communicated with HELEN TENNEY at the latter's apartment. It was further learned that TENNEY was most cordial, expressed herself as being very anxious to see Informant, and told her that although she could not arrange for a meeting that evening, a dinner engagement the following evening would be fine. It was then agreed that they should meet at PIERRE'S RESTAURANT the following evening at 6:00 P.M. The Informant did proceed to that restaurant at approximately 6:00 P.M. and after securing a table and waiting a few moments, TENNEY appeared. They engaged in innocuous conversation for a few moments and then TENNEY, who, according to Informant, had seemed very nervous and upset, exclaimed that "J. Edgar's boys are chasing me".

TENNEY went on to tell Informant that during her visit to her mother's home in New York City over the Christmas Holidays, she had noticed nothing unusual; that is, no one following her or displaying any interest in her movements, but that on a subsequent visit to New York, probably on Washington's Birthday weekend, she learned from her mother that the family chauffeur had told the latter he had been approached by two men who had identified themselves as F.B.I. Agents and had asked questions about HELEN TENNEY. TENNEY further declared to Informant these alleged F.B.I. Agents, according to the chauffeur's account, had followed him to his home in New York on a weekend some time between Christmas and Washington's Birthday, during which weekend TENNEY had also visited New York, and they had told the chauffeur they had observed him driving TENNEY to the railroad station and picking up an unknown girl en route. According to TENNEY, these men had asked the chauffeur the identity of this girl and he had told them it was

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a friend of Miss TENNEY'S who also worked in Washington and who was traveling back there with TENNEY. He claimed further that these alleged F.B.I. Agents had inquired about the activities and associates of TENNEY during her visits to New York and had replied that she only went shopping and to the theatre with her mother. TENNEY expressed considerable interest in this matter and appeared to be very curious as to why she apparently was under investigation by this Bureau; Informant said that she pointed out to TENNEY the fact that the latter was always "picking up" with strange people, some of whom undoubtedly were Communists and radicals, and the Informant even mentioned an Italian named "TONY" and some Austrian with whom TENNEY had become somewhat involved.

Informant continued to emphasize to TENNEY that any inquiries that were made undoubtedly were occasioned by reason of TENNEY'S associations with odd people and the fact that TENNEY herself was well known to have been associated formerly with the Spanish Committee and other Front and pro-Communist groups. According to the Informant, TENNEY agreed that this was probably a reasonable explanation but pointed out to the Informant that she no longer associates with any radicals in Washington, and, in fact, has only two male friends at the present time; namely, a "youngster" in the War Department whom she said has a key to her apartment, and a State Department employee who has recently returned from duty in the United States Embassy in Madrid, Spain. TENNEY further remarked that she has never seen any evidence of a surveillance that might have been placed on her and reiterated that she has severed her association with all her former Party friends. She did mention that she continues to be friendly with one ELEANOR PLEXNER (phonetic) who has done some Party organizational work, and the latter's cousin, CAROLINE PLEXNER (phonetic), who is in Washington, either with U.N.R.R.A. or the State Department, but who is not a "leftist".

TENNEY then mentioned that she had not been "contacted" since approximately two weeks before Christmas, 1945, when one evening she received a phone call from her woman contact, whose voice she recognized, asking her to go down to the drug store across the street from her apartment to have a coca cola. (Informant states that this drug store would seem to be located at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 21st Street, N.W.) TENNEY said that in accordance with the telephone call she did go down to the drug store, waited for some time, but no one appeared, after which she left the store for a while, returned again but saw no one and finally went to her home to await another call; she said no one arrived and she has heard nothing since from this contact or any others. Informant was able

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to learn that this contact was one of a series whom TENNEY has been dealing with since Informant ceased her activities, but was unable to learn if all were women or the nationalities of any of them. It is the Informant's opinion, however, that all were probably Americans, as so far as Informant knows, TENNEY still believes that the espionage work in which she was engaged was for the benefit of the COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S., rather than directly for the Russians. Informant is of the opinion that if one of these contacts had been a Russian or at least if TENNEY had been able to identify the person as Russian, she probably would have so indicated to the Informant. Informant did ascertain, in addition, that there has been one previous occurrence similar to that described above — that is, an appointment which was not kept by the contact.

TENNEY appeared very nervous and thoroughly frightened and gave Informant the impression that she wanted to "lean on someone's shoulder". She requested several times during the evening that Informant attempt to make a contact for her and was advised that the Informant would do what she could; but, of course, nothing specific was promised or assured.

As evidence of her frightened attitude, TENNEY told Informant that she was very apprehensive about meeting Informant because she was afraid she might be jeopardizing her if she is under surveillance, but Informant discussed this at some length with her and told her she felt her fears were groundless.

It is noted that when Informant asked TENNEY if she had any "cover story" in the event she were ever questioned about her meetings with these unknown contacts, TENNEY replied that she and the contacts had agreed on the story that they had become acquainted while traveling on a New York to Washington train and that the chance acquaintanceship had grown into a friendship.

TENNEY expressed herself as being very desirous of seeing Informant again and because she expressed some apprehension that her telephone might be monitored, the following "code" was agreed upon:

If Informant telephones TENNEY and suggests they meet for dinner at a given time, that means that the meeting will be at NAYLOR'S RESTAURANT in Washington; if the Informant telephones and suggests that they meet for a drink at a certain time, that means that the place for the meeting is the lobby of the ROGER SMITH HOTEL in Washington; and if

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Informant should telephone TENNEY at the home of the latter's mother in New York City and suggest that they meet, it is agreed that the meeting shall be at LONGCHAMPS RESTAURANT at Madison Avenue and 59th Street, New York City.

With further reference to TENNEY'S fear that she is under investigation, it is of interest to note that she told Informant that she felt, if this were true, that she would know about it from her "boy friend" in the War Department or other friends in the War Department, Intelligence Division. She also mentioned that since she heard the chauffeur's account of the alleged F.B.I. inquiries, she has "cleaned out" her apartment in Washington. Informant took this to mean that she had disposed of her Party literature and other material of a similar nature.

Informant was able to learn, in addition, that TENNEY regards her future as somewhat uncertain, inasmuch as the O.S.S. Unit with which she has been affiliated and which was recently transferred to the War Department (or possibly State Department), may be discontinued and if that happens she knows of no other position in Washington in which she would be interested. She appeared to be very confused about the whole situation and is obviously disturbed. She made no mention whatsoever of the current Canadian espionage case, but did make some very direct remarks about EARL BROWDER, whom she termed a "traitor" and speculated as to the possibility of his having talked to the authorities.

After TENNEY mentioned to Informant that she planned to come to New York for a visit on the weekend of April 6, 1946, and would like to see Informant on that occasion, it was agreed that they would meet, and unless instructed to the contrary, Informant plans to telephone TENNEY at her mother's apartment that weekend. It is to be noted that TENNEY is unaware of Informant's true employment with the UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION and is also ignorant of her place of residence, so that any contact made by the two will have to come from Informant.

It is further to be noted that judging from TENNEY'S request that Informant arrange a meeting for her, she apparently feels that Informant is still active and knows considerably more of current happenings that she actually does.

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With further reference to NATHAN GREGORY and HELEN SILVERMASTER, Informant advised interviewing Agents that in accordance with her conversation of the previous evening she proceeded to the SILVERMASTER'S residence on the evening of March 13, 1946, arriving there at approximately 8:45 P.M. HELEN greeted her at the door and told her dinner was being held for her; Informant pointed out that she had already had dinner and noted on entering the residence that the persons present were eating and drinking. In addition to the SILVERMASTERS, "LUD" ULLMAN was present and also DICK SASULY, whom Informant had never seen before and to whom she was introduced as "ELIZABETH". SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN greeted the Informant in a very friendly fashion and expressed themselves as being very happy to see her again. During the course of the evening there was considerable talk by ULLMAN of his experiences in Germany as a representative of the United States Treasury Department and Informant learned that SASULY had apparently been discharged recently from the Army, after having spent some time in Germany. Informant was unable to learn much of SASULY'S background but described him as of typical Jewish appearance and concluded from various things said that he had known the SILVERMASTERS for a long time, perhaps in California, inasmuch as they spoke of many persons in California with whom they were mutually acquainted.

Approximately one hour after Informant's arrival, ELIZABETH SASULY, wife of RICHARD SASULY, appeared at the residence and Informant was introduced to her under her true name. Informant is of the opinion that ELIZABETH apparently is employed by some Senate Committee, judging from the remarks she made and her claimed intimate acquaintanceship with several Senators. During the entire evening, according to the Informant, there was no mention whatsoever of any of the persons, whose activities Informant has previously described, as having been in association with the SILVERMASTERS, nor was there any reference whatsoever to the activities in which Informant was engaged during the period she was meeting the SILVERMASTERS.

During the course of the evening, ULLMAN and SASULY spent the better part of an hour in the basement of the home, but Informant was unable to get any indication of the purpose of their repairing to the basement. It was also learned that during the course of the evening the conversation was what Informant described as along typically gossip lines with various bits of information about well known figures in Washington, but that although there was a natural left-wing slant in the conversation, there was no discussion of Party affairs, Communist ideology, or the Russian situation.

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Informant did ask SILVERMASTER where he was employed and he said he was still in Surplus Property but that he had too many headaches in connection with his job and was always being bothered by Congressmen wanting favors of one kind or another. It was also mentioned during the evening that the SILVERMASTERS and ULLMAN recently entertained for a week the latter's family from Missouri and that they apparently stopped at the SILVERMASTER residence.

At approximately 11:00 P.M., SILVERMASTER began to show signs of wanting to retire for the evening, and after some discussion, it was finally agreed that he would drive all of the guests to their respective destinations. He dropped Informant on Connecticut Avenue and the SASULYS remained in the car, ostensibly to be driven some place on Wisconsin Avenue. HELEN SILVERMASTER asked Informant to visit them any time she was in Washington and when Informant asked about their coming to New York, HELEN said they had no special trip planned, but in the event they did, she would certainly communicate with Informant. Although Informant was somewhat puzzled by the complete absence of discussion of former activities by ULLMAN and the SILVERMASTERS, she concluded it was probably due to the presence of the SASULYS. She speculated as to whether the SILVERMASTERS might have become suspicious of her, but it was pointed out that if they had, her telephone call from the station upon her arrival would not have been well received by them and HELEN undoubtedly would have contrived some excuse so as not to invite Informant to her home. This explanation seemed to satisfy the Informant and she is of the opinion that now she is not a suspect.

With respect to Informant's business in Washington on behalf of her company, it was learned that she spent most of her time with ELMER C. ROPES, an official of the Russian Division of the Foreign and Domestic Trade Divisions of the Commerce Department, who is enthusiastic about her firm's prospects and has agreed to assist in whatever manner he can.

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT GREGORY

On February 6, 1946 Confidential Informant GREGORY was interviewed by Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly, at which time a photograph of BORIS N. VOLKOV, a former husband of HELEN SILVERMASTER, was exhibited to her, but she failed to identify this individual.

On this same date photographs of PHILIP O. KEENEY and his wife MARY JANE KEENEY were exhibited to the informant but she likewise failed to identify these individuals.

The photographs of Mr. and Mrs. KEENEY were attached to Washington Field Office letter dated January 28, 1946 in this investigation.

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RE: VLADIMIR KAZAKEVICH

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, dated December 5, 1945 at New York City, in this investigation which sets forth the signed statement of Confidential Informant GREGORY, dated November 30, 1945.

On Page 36 of this report informant states "About this time, some time in 1942, I recall that one VLADIMIR KAZAKEVICH, a former professor at Cornell University, was a somewhat frequent visitor to GOLOS' office. This individual, who was not to my knowledge a member of the Communist Party but had Communist leanings, was at that time barely making a living teaching the Russian language and giving lectures and writing excerpts for Communist publications. VLADIMIR was not to my knowledge connected with any Government agency, nor did he have any source for obtaining information, and as far as I know was merely a friend of long standing of GOLOS. I do recall, however, that at some previous time he had some information concerning Trotskyites which he furnished GOLOS".

The indices of the New York Office reflect that one "VLADIMIR D. KAZAKEVICH, was; INTERNAL SECURITY-C" is the subject of a pending investigation, in which the New York Office is the office of origin. According to this file KAZAKEVICH was born August 2, 1903 at St. Petersburg, Russia and has been a resident of the United States since 1921. He has been an instructor and lecturer at Columbia University, New York City, as well as Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, where he was discharged because of Communist connections. He is the author of numerous books on Russian topics, among them being "The History of Economics in Russia". He has been a staff member of "Science and Society", a Marxist quarterly and has contributed to "Soviet Russia Today".

He has lectured throughout the United States before the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, as well as the American Russian Institute, Russian War Relief, Russian American Club for Victory, and "New Masses". He is a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" and notices of his lectures are carried in the "Daily Worker". He has been known to contact ranking members of the Russian Consulate in New York City and at the present time is a member of the teaching staff of the Jefferson School for Social Science, New York City. He presently resides with his wife at 24 West 71st Street, New York City, and his employment is indicated as lecturer and writer.

In the December 27, 1943 edition of the New York World Telegram there appears a rather lengthy article by FREDERICK WELLMAN, a well known

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writer for that newspaper, concerning KAZAKEVICH. In this article WOLTMAN criticized KAZAKEVICH as an active Communist propagandist who was in charge of Russian courses for the Army Special Training Program at Cornell University and who had been dropped by the staff of Cornell apparently for his Communist background, leanings and teachings.

The January 10, 1944 issue of Time Magazine carries an article entitled "Communists at Cornell" which states in part "Cornell University's face was red last week for Communist trouble. Recently Cornell dropped Vladimir D. Kazakevich, long time Communist and editor of the highbrow Marxist quarterly "Science and Society". Kazakevich had been attacked by the New York World Telegram's Fred Woltman for hewing to the Communist line in a geography course for Army Specialized Training students."

On October 15, 1945 information was secured indicating that KAZAKEVICH was no longer connected with Columbia University but that he was planning a speaking tour that would carry him to Detroit, Michigan, and Paterson and Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Although this file does not reflect KAZAKEVICH's activities since October of 1945 an advertisement in the January 11, 1946 edition of the "Daily Worker", placed by the Jefferson School of Social Science, indicates that VLADIMIR D. KAZAKEVICH is presently conducting courses in "The History of Russia."

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ALEXANDER KORAL

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The following matter was dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KAIMES and covers the period from February 20, 1946 through March 5, 1946.

A review of the reports submitted by Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, for the above period reflects that ALEXANDER KORAL made no contacts observable by this informant during the period from February 20, 1946 through March 5, 1946. (S) (u) b2 b7D

The informant indicated that HELEN KORAL was in contact with her mother and other women friends almost daily but her contacts were of no importance to the present investigation. The persons contacted by HELEN KORAL were always addressed by their first names with the exception of one woman whom Mrs. KORAL addressed as, "MOM". Mrs. KORAL frequently speaks to a woman whom she addresses as SYLVIA and another woman whom she addresses as FLORENCE. She also converses from time to time with a woman known to her as CLARA. These conversations generally include small talk about the daily activities of these women. (S) (u)

From a mail cover on the KORAL residence at 290 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, the following return address was obtained: (S) (u)

HOME WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY, INC.
161 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, New York

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, dated December 5, 1945 in this investigation, which sets forth the signed statement of Confidential Informant GREGORY, dated November 30, 1945.

On Page 36 of this report the informant relates that "Another individual who I recall was in contact with GOLOS about this time in 1942 was one A. LANDY, who was a functionary of the Communist Party and who operated from the ninth floor of the Communist Party Headquarters in New York City. It is my recollection that this individual probably was identified with determining the identity of all Trotskyites in the United States and in Mexico and possibly South America".

A review of the indices of the New York Field Division reflects that one AVROM LANDRY, who is the subject of New York file 100-13565 entitled "AVROM LANDRY; INTERNAL SECURITY-C", is probably identical with the A. LANDY mentioned above.

According to this file LANDRY is a well known Communist and first came to the attention of the Bureau when he was director of the Cleveland Workers School, as well as President of the Modern Book Store which at that time was owned by the Communist Party and located in Cleveland, Ohio. While residing in Cleveland, he was a candidate for the United States Congress on the Communist Party ticket in 1934 and was closely associated with various Communist Party foreign language groups and was a very active Communist Party member.

On March 4, 1943 he moved to New York City and resided at 133 Bay 31st Street, Brooklyn, New York, and took up active participation in Communist Party educational and nationality group programs. Shortly thereafter he became the Educational Director of the Communist Party in New York City. The file also reflected that the subject was arrested on September 21, 1932 by the Birmingham Police Department on a charge of investigation and was released on September 22, 1932. He has been a frequent contributor to "The Communist" and "Political Affairs" and these writings specialized in nationality groups, particularly American-Slav activities.

At the present time he is actively directing the work of the four nationalities groups of the Communist Party of the United States.

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FERRUCCIO MARINI,
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X Confidential Informant [redacted] has continued to advise of MARINI's contacts with high functionaries of the Communist Party. No information pertinent to instant case has been developed. (R)u

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The services of this informant will be used and the information received from same will be incorporated in the case file on MARINI. (R)u

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OLGA BORISOVNA PRAVDINA
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Michael M. O'Rourke on February 16-21, 23-28, 1946 and March 1, 4-8 and 11, 1946:

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Surveillance Agents - J. H. Doyle, F. J. Nolan, J. C. Walsh and H. C. Klebe. (S) (u)

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RE: ALLEN ROSENBERG

Under date of February 4, 1946 the Washington Field Office advised by teletype that ALLEN ROSENBERG was going to New York on this date and had made attempts to secure reservations at the Lafayette, New Yorker or "Brevar Paren" (ph.) hotels. The registration cards of the New Yorker and the Lafayette Hotels were checked for February 4, 5, and 6, 1946 but no record was located indicating that ROSENBERG had stayed at either of these hotels.

There is no such hotel in New York City as the "Brevar Paren". This name could not be associated with any hotel located in New York City of a similar name and consequently no check was made.

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RE: JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Harold V. Kennedy, dated December 21, 1945 at New York City, in the SILVERMASTER investigation, which on Pages 60 to 62 sets forth briefly some background information concerning JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK, who it will be recalled was mentioned in Confidential Informant GREGORY's statement of November 30, 1945.

Under date of December 26, 1945 there was forwarded to the New York Office from the Bureau a summary of all information contained in the Bureau's files concerning JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK. It is noted that this digest concerns some of the information in the New York files but contains a great deal of information concerning SPIVAK's background and activities which were not previously known to this office.

In view of the length of this digest, it is not being incorporated in report form but is maintained as a serial in the file of this case.

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ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN

The following matter was dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KALNES and covers the period from February 6, 1946 through March 5, 1946. (S)(u)

The following information was obtained through the assistance of Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau. (S)(u) b2 b7D

On February 6, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Dr. WEINSTEIN was in contact with JOSEPH WEINSTEIN and held a lengthy conversation with him during which they discussed business matters. ABE WEINSTEIN indicated that he had arrangements with a man in New York who was going to call on him for the purpose of going over a play. JOE and ABE WEINSTEIN agreed to meet at a later date. (S)(u) b2 b7D

On this same day the above informant advised that one GEORGE contacted Miss PATTY ROPE at Plaza 3-8717 and told her that he was reading a play and could not see her on this day. ABE WEINSTEIN likewise talked with PATTY and told her that he would like to meet her some time. (S)(u)

On February 7, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that neither Dr. nor Mrs. WEINSTEIN made any contacts of importance. (S)(u) b2 b7D

On February 8, 1946, the above informant advised that LENORE WEINSTEIN contacted FRANCIS MAGUIRE and advised FRANCIS that MORRIS had finished his play and that it was a good play. (S)(u)

On February 9, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that LENORE WEINSTEIN called JOE WEINSTEIN and told JOE to pick up ABE at 12:45 p.m. for a meeting which they had previously arranged. (S)(u) b2 b7D

On this same day Mrs. MARY WEINSBERG contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN and talked with her briefly after which WEINSBERG talked with MORRIS WEINSTEIN during which time she indicated that she talked with a Mr. SHORT regarding the mimeographing and that he promised to work on it throughout the day and have left only one scene to do on Monday. MORRIS asked Mrs. WEINSBERG if she considered SHORT reliable. She said yes but that she would check again today. (S)(u)

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On February 10, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] indicated that Dr. MARK STITES contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN and advised her that he would send a repair man to fix the house on Tuesday, February 13th. Mrs. WEINSTEIN asked that he delay sending the repair man because she did not expect to be at home and indicated that her maid, NACMI, would be but that VIOLA would not. (This appears to indicate that the WEINSTEINS have two maids.) Dr. STITES also indicated that he had a potential customer for the house and asked if he might bring the customer over to see it. (S)(u)

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On this same date ROSE MICHAELS contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN and discussed a considerable number of figures with him which appeared to indicate that she was quoting from a business balance sheet, and after explaining the figures to Dr. WEINSTEIN, he spoke to JOE WEINSTEIN and told JOE not to show his books to anyone and when the people come JOE is to advise them that he has two other offers and unless they want to show their money he will not show them the books. (Apparently JOE WEINSTEIN is attempting to sell some enterprise of his.) (S)(u)

The above informant advised that one Mr. MANN (phonetic) contacted BETTY HART and asked her to come home tomorrow. It is indicated that MANN is BETTY's father. He told her that he and her mother were worried because she had been away from home during the past two weeks. MANN indicated that he would call BETTY again. (S)(u)

Later on this same day BETTY contacted an unknown man at CHelsea 3-6924, which number is listed to FRANCIS MAGUIRE, 514 Hudson Street, New York, and advised this man that she was occupied with the reading of a play and would not return to New York but would see him on the following day. (S)(u)

On February 11, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that LENORE WEINSTEIN contacted the local Western Union office and sent the following telegram to JOHN WEBER, 919 1/2 North La Jolla, Hollywood, California. (S)(u)

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"Why no answer to letter. Is anything wrong. Reply Straight wire."

/s/ LENORE AND ABE

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On this same day LENORE attempted to contact one JAMES ROSCOE at telephone number Darian 5-0087, but received no answer. (S)(u)

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On February 12, 1946, the above informant indicated that ABE WEINSTEIN contacted MORRIS WEINSTEIN and advised that he had completed a deal for the sale of JOE's place and house for \$50,000. with \$5,000. down and that he and JOE were bringing the victims over to the house for a drink. (X) (u)

On February 13, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that LENORE WEINSTEIN called one MIDGIE at BUTTERFIELD 8-9264 and advised her that they had just bought the house they were living in from Dr. STITES for \$25,000. (X) (u) b2 b7D

On February 16, 1945, the above informant advised that ABE WEINSTEIN contacted OTTO JOEMINGER at the St. Regis Hotel, New York City, and indicated to OTTO that he would like to see him. OTTO stated that he would like to see both ABE and MORRIS WEINSTEIN and suggested that they come to his hotel around 6:00 p.m. (X) (u)

On this day one JOE, presumably JOE ROBERTS, contacted LENORE WEINSTEIN and told her that he wanted to see ABE. LENORE advised him that ABE was in New York and also that she would have ABE call JOE. JOE gave her the following telephone number: BRIDGEPORT 5-2613. This telephone number is listed to the Connecticut State Communist Party office. JOE indicated that he would visit with the WEINSTEINS at a later date. (X) (u)

The following information was dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KALMES and was obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and who is closely associated with the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City. (X) (u) b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on February 20, 1946, no contacts of importance were made by Dr. WEINSTEIN. (X) (u) b2 b7D

On February 21, 1946, Dr. WEINSTEIN contacted BETTY HART and requested the telephone number and address of J. GARFIELD. He was advised that BETTY did not have GARFIELD's telephone number but that his address was 1136 North Doheny Drive. (X) (u)

The above informant advised that there were no contacts of importance on February 22, 23, and 24, 1946. (X) (u)

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On February 25, 1946, the Informant advised that Dr. WEINSTEIN was contacted by a man in Pittsburgh who advised the Doctor that he would be in New York at 11:00 a.m. on February 26th for an appointment. Later during the day, however, a man who called himself Mr. MAY, again contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN from Pittsburgh and advised that he was having labor trouble and could not keep his appointment as planned. (X) (U) (P)

On this same day BETTY HART contacted ELROY WEBER and arrangements for a luncheon appointment between WEBER and Dr. WEINSTEIN for the 26th were made. Later on this same day WEBER contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN at his office and arranged for an appointment at 4:30 p.m. on the same day. (X) (U)

On February 26, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BETTY HART contacted a girl named HILDA at Cafe Society Uptown Restaurant and told HILDA that they want to see the "Boss" (JOSEPHSON) this afternoon and that the meeting is very important. (X) (U) b2 b7D

On February 27, 1946 there were no contacts of importance observed by Confidential Informant [redacted]. (X) (U) b2 b7D

On February 28, 1946 the Informant advised that Mrs. DIRKSEN was contacted by BETTY HART and was advised that ABE would be late for his appointment with her. (X) (U)

On this same day Dr. WEINSTEIN in a conversation with his wife advised her that JOSEPHSON was at his office. (X) (U)

Also on this same day the Informant advised that one JACK PERILLA (phonetic) attempted to contact ABE WEINSTEIN but was told by BETTY HART that ABE was not in. She suggested that JACK call at five o'clock. PERILLA inquired about Mr. MORRIS. (X) (U)

On March 1, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BETTY HART contacted the Western Union office and gave them the following message for transmission to TED BAUMGOLD, Century Hotel, Antwerp, Belgium: (X) (U) b2 b7D

"Have been ill hence delay. Write me immediately present situation."

/s/ ABE

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ [redacted] advised that there were no contacts of importance on March 2, 3, and 4, 1946. (X) (U) b2 b7D

On March 5, 1946, a man known as JACK contacted WEINSTEIN's office and advised that one POLLOCK will arrive on Wednesday night. JACK wanted WEINSTEIN to be advised that POLLOCK is now in Palm Beach and that POLLOCK will contact WEINSTEIN on Thursday, presumably March 7, 1946. (X) (U)

There is being set out below the names and addresses of persons obtained through a mail cover placed on the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City. (X) (U)

On February 15, 1946, a card from R. B. ROBERTS, 1052 North Carol Drive, Los Angeles, 46, California. (X) (U)

On February 16, 1946, a letter from C. E., 15 East 58th Street, New York 22, New York. (X) (U)

On February 20, 1946, a letter from Room 3605, Gulf Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. This letter is postmarked at Swissvale, Pa. (X) (U)

On February 23, 1946, a letter from Box 115, Station D, New York. Also, a letter from Suite 1816, 205 East 42nd Street, New York. (X) (U)

On February 23, 1946, a letter from I. STEM & CO., INC., 233 Spring Street, New York 13, New York. A card from R. SCOTT, INC., 72 Fifth Avenue, New York. (X) (U)

On February 26, 1946, a letter from Suite 90457 West 57th Street, New York, and a letter from W. WARD, Boothbay Playhouse, Post Office Box 884, Coral Gables, Florida. (X) (U)

On March 1, 1946, a card from M. A. SECHNER, 67 West 44th Street, New York 18, New York. (X) (U)

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The following information was dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KALMES and relates to the surveillance of HARRY DEXTER WHITE on February 16, 1946.

On February 16, 1946 at 9:45 p.m. Special Agents GEORGE J. SULLIVAN and GERALD CASWELL, replaced Agents from the Newark Field Division on the surveillance of HARRY WHITE.

At 10:00 p.m. HARRY WHITE, ABE WOLFSON and an unidentified woman came out of the apartment house at 151 Central Park West and proceeded to the St. Moritz Hotel at Sixth Avenue and 59th Street where the woman left the car in which she, WHITE and WOLFSON had been riding and proceeded into the hotel. WHITE and WOLFSON left immediately and proceeded to the Hudson Tubes and via the tubes went to 55 Spruce Street in Newark, New Jersey where they entered the building located at that address.

At 11:25 p.m., after having advised the Newark Field Division of the presence of WHITE and WOLFSON at 55 Spruce Street, the above surveillance was discontinued.

Information provided by Special Agent CARL HOWARD of the Newark Field Division revealed that Dr. ABRAHAM WOLFSON, who was with HARRY WHITE on February 16, 1946, resides at 55 Spruce Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York

This matter is receiving continuous and exhaustive investigative attention and leads are being set out by teletype and letter for immediate coverage by auxiliary field offices.

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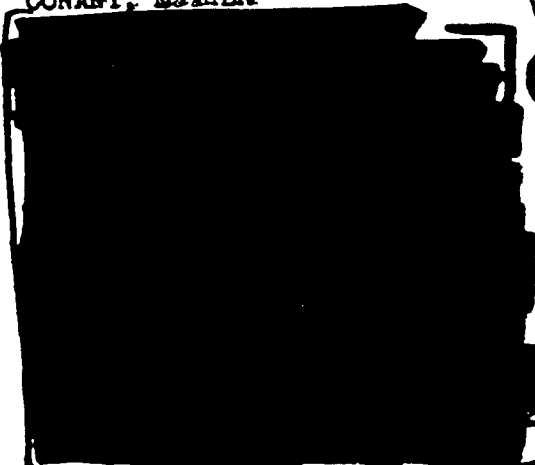
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